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FOREWORD

A curriculum committee, representative of the teachers who implement the contents, has spent several years of intensive study, debate and deliberation over what students shall be taught in Modern Problem courses in the high schools of the Wilmington Public Schools. This committee was obligated to make a great many decisions -- these are outlined in this guide. We could not proceed in any orderly way to build an instructional program of quality without these agreed upon directions.

Within this context, we recognize the work of the committee, who developed this guide, to be of the highest order of responsibility. We express our appreciation for their diligence in the execution of the task.

In adopting this guide, <u>Modern Problems: Grade 12</u>, we do not assert, in all instances, that the objectives outlined are to be fulfilled. The guide is a blueprint against which we may judge ourselves in our work. Recognizing that "...man's reach does not exceed this grasp", we convey this guide for use of our professional staff.

Samuel A. Scalnato Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs



PREFACE

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- Exhibits a willingness to examine conflicting and to evaluate the supporting evidence for e

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- . Demonstrates a concern for the future well-being of soci
- Recognizes that controversy is inevitable in a free soci that solutions to social problems often create new problems.

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- 1. in the dignity and worth of each individual.
- 2. that each person should be given the opportunity to show his merit.
- 3. that no one should be denied the fundamental rights and liberties of the
- 4. that each citizen has responsibilities to himself and to society.



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- 5. that while majority rule may conflict with the desires of a minorit must safeguard the fundamental rights of all individuals.
- 6. that the individual freedoms guaranteed by the constitution are now responsibilities to the other members of society.
- 7. in the process of government as a changing one that adapts itself t
- that while the personality of a particular officeholder may change the government, the system of checks and balances will work to corr
 that the workings of a democracy require an informed and interested
- 10. that the right to govern resides in the people.

reasoned conclusions.

- 11. that the maintenance of law and order by just and reasonable means of democracy.
- 12. that while injustices may exist in the present system, they can be legal means.
- 13. that it is the responsibility of government to safeguard the general

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THE PROBLEM-SOLVING PROCESS

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- 1. Defines his problem, taking account of societal values (
- 2. Lists the various feasible courses of action
- 3. Collects and interprets pertinent data
- 4. Reaches a tentative decision based on the data
 5. Acts in accordance with the decision
- 6. Evaluates the results and medifies future action according

This is a process, and these are the steps involved, which should be hope that skillful use of them will become habitual. It follows logicall process, the student should take these steps, not the teacher.

The following questions are suggested as guides for the student in solving process:

I. Defines his problem, taking account of societal values

- 1. Is it a real problem?
- 2. How does it touch or affect me?
- 3. How does it involve other people?
- 4. Is the answer so obvious that no study is necessary?
- 5. Is the problem clearly and accurately stated?
- 6. If possible, does the statement of the problem require answers in terms of actions?
 - Is the problem stated selfishly or in terms of an acceptable social philosophy?



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McCutchen, Samuel P., "The Theory and Philosophy of the Problems Approa Curriculum Series No. 9, Revised edition, National Council for the Soci Studies, 1960. pp. 2-4.

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II. Lists the various feasible courses of action

- What ways can be discovered, thought of, imagined or investored?
- 2. What beliefs or assumptions lie behind each of these poss.
 3. What lesser problems are involved in each of the courses
 - . What would be the outcome or consequence of each course

III. Collects and interprets pertinent data

- 1. What do you already know that applies to the problem?
- 2. What kinds of additional information are needed?
- 3. Where is the information? Have you considered a variety pamphlets, magazines, museums, government publications, fayou included available information representing varying
- 4. Is the information meaningful in terms of the problem to 5. Is the illustrative material in the form of charts, gran
- 6. In the material collected are the samples and illustration
- 7. Are the key words and concepts understood and used corrects. What is the value of the information as evidence? Have; and opinion? If opinion, did you consider the social policy.
 - the opinion? Did you consider the bias of the reporter, the information is factual, aid you consider the reliability of examining how recent it is?
- 9. What apparent relationships exist within the available maproblem?
- 10. Under what general topics can the material be grouped?
- 11. How can these topics be arranged in a logical order or se
- 12. Does an examination of this organization indicate other the problem being studied can be understood?

IV. Reaches a tentative decision based on the data

- What are the possible conclusions which can be drawn from the information?
 Have you taken into account the biases and prejudices who
- conclusion?

 3. Do these possible conclusions coincide with the various for the conclusions coincide with the various for the conclusions.
- the time the problem was defined?
 4. Which of these courses of action now appear to be undesi:
- 5. Which course of action now seems to be the best in the 1
- 6. What reasons support this decision?



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٧. Acts in accordance with the decision

- What action is implied in the decision reached?
- 2. Is that action feasible and permissible for this per
 - Is the action socially desirable?

he considers highly desirable?

Is the action consistent with the person's social va Is the person willing to commit himself to do his pe

VI. Evaluates the results and modifies future action accordi

- What was your preconceived position on this problem? Did you conscientiously consider conflicting position
 - What decision did you reach?
 - Since reaching that decision have you looked for new you to change it?
 - Has the situation changed to such an extent that it the decision?

Has a shift in values or social theory made a recons

CRITICAL THIN

Scholars have attempted to classify the intellectual act

Twelve Aspects of Crit

1. Grasping the meaning of a statement.

scheme is condensed and reported by Edwin Fenton:

- Judging whether there is ambiguity in a line of reas
- Judging whether certain statements contradict each c Judging whether a conclusion follows necessarily.

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- Judging whether a statement is specific enough.
- Judging whether an observation statement is reliable Judging whether an inductive conclusion is warranted
- 9. Judging whether the problem has been identified.
- 10. Judging whether something is an assumption.
- Judging whether a definition is adequate.

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UNIT I: MAN IN SOCIETY

Overview

(Suggested Time - 2 weeks)

Man, as a social animal, seeks to associate himself with other men. So, he creates and solves his problems. Power to solve problems is vested differ man searches out various groups which are formed in society to meet his basic by the end of this unit the students will have a comprehensive background in to provide a framework in which the problem-solving approach can function and

OBJECTIVES OF THIS UNIT

By the end of this unit the student should be able to:

- 1. explain the meaning of cultural diffusion by describing the condition
- demonstrate his recognition of cultural diversity among groups or na varied approaches to a basic social problem.
- write a brief paragraph explaining how the solving of a particular s
 may create new ones.
- 4. utilize the problem-solving approach in discussing alternate solution particular problem.
- show his comprehension of how proximity affects concern for differen discussing how someone close to a problem and someone far from it vi
- discuss at least five problems identified in contemporary America an which of these problems are the basic social problems of man.
- 7. recognize various propaganda techniques in mass media.
- 8. demonstrate his understanding of values and the roles they play in t problems of American society.



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- A. Definition of society
- B. Reasons for formulation of society
 - 1. Basic needs a. Shelter
 - b. Protection
 - c. Food
 - d. Social contacts
 - Advantages and disadvantages of being in society

- 1. Have students see
- orally or in writt a definition of so
 - An activity which the Lord of the Pl type of society ev
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T IS THE NATURE OF MAN IN SOCIETY?

SUGGESTED STUDENT ACTIVITIES

. Have students see how many definitions of society they can formulate, orally or in written form. By means of class discussion, focus on a definition of society to be used in the term "man and society."

An activity which might interest better students, would be to read

- the <u>Lord of the Flies</u> and to write a brief paper discussing the type of society evolved in the book.
- . Place the following poem on the board:

No man is an island, Entire of itself;

Every man is a piece of the Continent, A part of the main; If a clod be washed away by the see.

If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less,

of thine own were.

Any man's death diminishes me,

As well as if a promontory were, As well as if a manor of thy friends or

Because I am involved in mankind.

And therefore, --

Never send to know for whom the bell tolls, It tolls for thee.

(Adapted from John Donne)

Discuss the significance of this quotation. Questions such as the following might help to develop the discussion.

- a. What are man's basic needs?b. How does this poem demonstrate the social inter
 - dependence of man?

 c. Why doesn't man <u>wish</u> to be alone?
 - d. In what ways can society help man meet his basic
 - needs?

 e. How does working with others help man to utilize his best talents?

 f. How does society restrict man?



II. What are the basic problems which confront man in society?

A. How can man solve these problems?

1. Man uses knowledge, reason and emotion.

2. Man creates social institutions to solve problems.

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- 4. A round table discussion may be held on the topic: "How do the basic needs facing the individual today differ from those in the past?" i.e. Why does our society require a Pure Food and Drug Administration when caveman society did not?
 - Have the students list what they consider the barle problems of society. After a common list has been compiled, students should indicate which of these are basic problems of society and which are particular to a stage of our society. Teachers should make sure student discussion covers at least five of those problems.
- 6. It is suggested that the teacher first assign reading on the problem-solving approach and then use it on a personal problem in its initial application. Emphasis should be placed on the fact that the problem-solving approach is an idealized procedure.

Choosing the problem which appeared first on the greatest number of lists, initiate the problem-solving approach among the students, i.e.

- 1. Define the problem
- 2. List the various courses of action
- 3. Collect and interpret pertinent data (an essential step)
- After considering alternate solutions, reach a tentative decision
- 5. Suggest methods of implementing the decision
- Evaluate the results and modify future action in the light of new data.
- 7. Sociologists identif the five basic institutions of society as the family, education, religion, economics and government. Students may formulate a definition for each of these. These definitions should be utilized in filling in the chart in the following activity.



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problems lead to cultural differences?

A. What is culture?

III.



SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

An enlarged chart, based on the following could be used as the basis of discussion and to extend activity No. 5.

FAMILY EDUCATION ECONOMICS GOVERNMENT RELIGION

AMERICA 1900

AMERICA 1969

Students have already compiled a list of problems and discussed them. One half of the room could consider possible solutions to a particular problem in a future age. The other half could place themselves in the past. Are their proposed solutions very different than the traditional ones?

A student or a group of students may be interested in presenting oral reports on the various solutions offered by American society to problems such as labor or civil rights. This report should provide a summary for the other students' use.

One or more interested students may go to the public library or the school library to find information on the Pullman Strike of 1893 and compare the grievances of this strike with the UAW strike of 1967.

In 1954, in Brown vs. the Board of Education, the Supreme Court proclaimed the end to segregated schools. Using evidence from conflicts since that time, have students write a brief paragraph discussing how the solving of this particular social problem led to the creation of new ones.

By means of a class discussion, arrive at a definition of culture which is readily understood. Emphasis should be placed on the fact that the terms "culture" and "society" are not synonymous.



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C. How does one culture affect another?

D. How would you describe American culture?

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

- 14. After reading in various sources, students may write a brief paragraph comparing two cultures on the basis of their approach to a particular social institution. An interesting analogy is that of India and the United States in class structure and religion.
- 15. Students may be asked to formulate a bibliography of the materials offered by their library on the family in America and in non-American cultures.
- 16. After placing the following statement on the board, have the students discuss its validity. They should be sure to indicate what other factors influence culture. "Man's environment is the sole determinant of the culture in which he lives. It conditions his mode of living and degree of advancement.' The teacher could introduce the ideas of historical accident and interaction with other cultures. They should call attention to the cultures of nations such as Israel, Denmark or the Netherlands to illustrate how people can develop in spite of environmental limitations.
- 17. Cultural diffusion has been defined as the extension of ideas or modes of living through contact between diverse cultures. Students may be interested in discussing how the American occupation of Japan was an example of cultural diffusion. Another example might be the recent popularity of Indian culture in the United States.
- 18. A time capsule may be assembled in the present year to include items of our culture. This capsule will be opened in the year 2050. What items would the students include Which items would be changed by the year 2050? Students should suggest the types of changes that might be made.
- 19. The students are to pretend that they are interior designers for the American Pavilion at a World's Fai. It is intended to express the major elements of our culture. Use the approach that teaching is aided by touch or contact. Have students find out what they would see, smell, hear and feel in the exhibit.



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COMPOSIT

		CONTENT
IV.	вос	t contemporary values in American iety shape our responses to modern blems?
	Α.	What is a value?
	В.	What items do Americans value the most?
	c.	Does individuality help or hinder values? What is the effect of nor

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students may read Vance Packard's <u>The Status Seekers</u> and report on on the discussion of various values in our contemporary society.

The questions under the content column may be utilized to formulate list of American values, i.e. the things which members of a society strive to achieve, any abstract standard of what is right and good.

Make a chart which will attempt to show the attitudes of various classes in America concerning specific items. Suggested possibilities include lower, middle, and upper class attitudes toward education, periodicals, welfare, future, civic responsibility, and religion.

In order to have a student realize that values are not necessarily high principles of conduct, a student or group of students may be assigned to formulate a list of the values of American culture which may seem contradictory or imply double standards. Pages 68-70 in The Second American Revolution by H. Wentworth Eldredge provide an excellent background.

Have the students bring newspaper and periodical clippings showing expressions of individualism or non-conformity which are not in accord with the current value system held by the majority of Americans. Have them discuss the effect of the minority upon the other members of society.

An interesting activity which shows conflicting values within the same society is to divide the class into "criminals" and "citizens." Each group should then list their respective values. A discussion should then be held with each group defending its value system.

As a research assignment which will utilize the list of materials gathered in activity No. 10, have each student choose a particular culture and compile a list of the values it possesses. The lists may be used later as a basis of comparison with each other or with the American culture.



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C. How do special interest groups try to mold public opinion?

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UNIT II: IS OUR CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY

OVERVIEW

(Suggested Time: 6 weeks

One of the major difficulties in teaching a unit on American gover that they have been learning about their government for years-especial emphasis in this unit will not be on the general background information dent already possesses, but on the concepts determining the political steachers experiment in devising alternative activities to enforce these rent events and trends in governmental policy should provide teachers vlessons useful and contemporary.

It is hoped that at the end of this unit the students will have do on the ability of the American democratic process to cope with its process, the focus is on identifying problems and accomplishments are strive to present a balanced picture.

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By the end of this unit the students should be able to:

1. Define the following terms in the context of the unit:

sovereignty gevernment state law power politics policy general welfare Constitution democracy republic liberal reserved powers radical concurrent powers conservative reaction ary nation Right peaceful coexistence Left constituency



IS OUR CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY ADEQUATE?

OVERVIEW

(Suggested Time: 6 weeks)

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- Demonstrate an understanding of the Constitution as the supreme law examples of laws which have been declared unconstitutional.
- 3. Explain how the Constitution is adapted to the times by discussing whose interpretation has changed radically.

4. By giving examples of limitations of rights, exhibit a recognition

5. Identify from a list of governmental activities those constitutions the executive, the legislative and the judicial branches of governmental activities those constitutions.

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- 6. Illustrate the checks and balances of the American governmental sys
- 7. Indicate an understanding of the development of presidential power and responsibilities of the president as described in the Constituted today.
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 9. Discuss the factors which influence the making of foreign policy.

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- 10. List at least five governmental and non-governmental agencies which
- Describe the roles played by American political parties by explain candidate from his declaration of intention to run until the elect
- 12. List and explain three of the major goals of contemporary American
- 1]. Write an essay discussing the questions: To what extent is our contour to what extent is our constitutional democracy inadequate?
- 14. Name at least five major policies of the American government and e which have occurred in at least one.



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IS OUR CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY ADEQUATE?

A. What is meant by the following terms?

List One:

power

policy

Constitution

general welfare politics

sovereignty

reserved powers concurrent powers

List Two:

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liberal, radical, conservative,

reactionary Left, Right

republic, democracy

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 The terms given in List One are essential to an understanding of the American governmental system. Students should define these terms in two ways: first, the explicit textbook or dictionary definition and second, the applied meaning today, e.g.

Dictionary

Usage

Constitution

System of fundamental laws of a nation Safeguard of civil liberties, supreme law of the nation

The terms given in List Two should be defined and contrasted. The meanings should be developed in class discussion.

- 2. After having done reading in their texts or supplementary sources, students should formulate a definition of the term "constitutional democracy." This definition should be kept for reference throughout future discussions.
- A short film on the nature and meaning of democracy is available from the Curriculum Center: "Democracy", (Sd. 63.1).
- 4. After dividing the class into groups, have the students make a list of the items they consider to be the goals of the American constitutional system. These lists will make a basis for class discussion.
- 5. In a class discussion, have the students make a list of the goals of our governmental system. Compare this with the list on page 21 of William Ebenstein's book, Two Ways of Life to see if the student list might be altered.
- 6. Have each student pick a particular goal and explain the methods that the government is utilizing to reach it. An example might be the protection of individuals from unfair merchandising practices and the operations of the Pure Food and Drug Administration.



B. What are the goals of the American governmental system? (Continued)

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- 7. A film entitled "Interrogation and Counsel" (Sd. 351.2) deals with the problem of protecting the rights of the individual. It must be obtained from the Curriculum Center.
- 8. One aspect of contemporary government which deserves special attention is that of its role as a "big business." In what ways has the government increased its habits of consumption in order to reach its goals?
- Check the unit on Economics for additional activities on this subject.
- 10. One of the concepts which has been previously defined is that of general welfare. Have students refer to their definitions in order to discuss the role of the government as a guardian of the general welfare.
- 11. The film "The Price of Freedom" (Sd. 31.2) deals with the danger of an overprotective government and is available from the Curriculum Center.
- 12. An interested student may want to report to the class on the changing definition of general welfare through current history. Another interesting application is the various definitions given to the word depending upon the circumstances in which it is used.
- 13. In the supplementary reading book with the Eagleton Institute text is an essay by Clinton Rossiter entitled "The Paradox of India's Democracy." Students may read it so they can use the essay to alter further the list of goals.
- 14. A film entitled "Centralization and Decentralization" (54. 1.2), showing local problems, is available from the Curriculum Center.

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- 15. Each student should read the Constitution in preparation for the discussions that follow. It is suggested that the teacher prepare a guide or list of specific questions for the students to use as they read the document.
- 16. Filmstrips are available in most libraries that explain the branches of government and how they function. These may be used to discuss the various branches as they are defined in the Constitution. Students should be encouraged to view these filmstrips individually.
- 17. Present to the students a list of the constitutional functions of each of the three branches of government. Have students indicate the functions that belong to each of the three branches.
- 18. Have the students draw a chart illustrating the reparation of powers in the government. The Eagleton Institute text,

 The Problems and Promise of American Democracy, has a chart along these lines on p. 306.
- 19. A film entitled "Federal Government: Plan of Organization" (Sd. 49.2) is available from the Curriculum Center.
- 20. An examination of such governmental agencies and commissions as the following will reveal a number that are not mentioned in the Constitution:

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21. Section 5, Article I of the Constitution states, "Each House shall be the judge of the elections, returns and qualifications of its own members.... Each House may determine the rules of its proceedings, punish its members for disorderly behavior and, with the concurrence of two-thirds, expel a member."

Use the above quotation from the Constitution as a springboard for discussion concerning Congressional powers of discipline. An interesting activity is to compare this with the impeachment powers of Congress. Students may be interested to read about a specific case such as that of Thomas Dodd or Adam Clayton Powell.

- 22. After the above activity has been completed, students should be able to participate in a discussion on the implied powers given in the Constitution.
- 23. It has been stated that the American government is a government of ideas and institutions or laws not men. Using this statement as a basis, initiate a discussion on how the personality of an office-holder may determine functions and effectiveness of his office.
- 24. In order to have students understand how various personalities have altered the concept of federal offices, have then choose a particular office and compare two different men who have had that position.
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"Eisenhower", (Sd. 260.2)
"Portrait of President Johnson", (Sd. 275.2)
"American Presidents, Washington to Johnson",
(Sd. 276.2)
"Life and Times of Teddy Rossevelt", (Sd. 77.3)

- 26. Clinton Rossiter's <u>The American President</u> gives an interesting selection, listing the criteria by which one may judge a "good president." An interested student may wish to report to the class on this section. This report should provoke a lively discussion.
- 27. Many factors in American political life have become a part of election procedures through custom. These procedures are a part of what is known as "the unwritten Constitution." Have the students compile a list of practices which come under this classification, as nominating conventions, political parties, judicial review.
- 28. As a means of explaining to the students the process of a political convention, assign them roles as various participants in a simulated convention or political rally, e.g., campaign managers, press agents, politicians, etc.
- 29. An interesting follow up to the above activity is to have the students tape record the action and then replay it for discussion purposes.
- 30. A film on 'Political Parties' (Sd. 30.2) is available from the Curriculum Center, but it is a very old film.



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- 31. In order to have the students define the terms "politician" and "statesman", divide the room into two parts. One half of the students could list the characteristics of a statesman, the other the characteristics of a politician. These lists could be compared for similarities and differences.

 Sperber and Trittscheck, <u>Dictionary of American Political Terms</u>, p. 329, is an excellent reference.
- 32. An interesting activity which may be controversial is to provide students with a list of prominent governmental figures and ask them to identify them as either politicians or statesmen. This could serve to clarify the students' concept of these terms.
- 33. A new film entitled "Elections" has been ordered by the Curriculum Center. It will be available for teacher use. It is excellent in covering a campaign from the declaration of the candidate to run for office through to his assuming his newly elected office.
- 34. In order to have students understand the process of election, have each student choose one presidential election year. He should then trace the development of the political conventions, the campaign and the election. Emphasis should be placed upon the factors which caused a particular candidate to be nominated and elected. An interesting extension of this activity is to add a summary of how the candidate in office handled the issues upon which he was elected.
- 35. A film on "Presidential Elections" (Sd. 10.2) is available from the Curriculum Center.
- 36. The Eagleton Institute pamphlet, "The Primary That Made a President", is an excellent source on the difficult primary question. These pamphlets may be made available to the class for discussion.



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- 37. In an election year a teacher may ask students to collect biographies of the popular candidates. A canvass of these biographies may help to determine what, if any, characteristics candidates for a particular office have in common. Raise the question of whether or not there is any discoverable relationship between the candidate's personality and ability and the success of his candidacy. Periodicals are excellent sources of material.
- 38. Using the material gathered in the preceding activity have the students conduct a mock press conference with one or more of the students assuming the role of a candidate. The student questioners should focus on the major issues of the campaign.
- 39. A filmstrip and record entitled "The People's Choice" is available in some school libraries.
- 40. A film entitled "How We Elect Our Representatives" (Sd. 110.1) is available from the Curriculum Center and is listed in the directory of films. However, this film is very old and in poor condition.
- 41. A set of pamphlets, "Grass Roots Guides to Practical Politics" is available in some buildings. These pamphlets discuss the current political scene. Students may examine them and report to the class on some of the specific problems discussed.
- 42. A discussion of the electoral college system may provide practice in using the problem-solving approach. The question may be phrased as follows: Is the Electoral College the most satisfactory method of electing a president? What alternative methods offer promising ways of correcting the defects of the system now in use?
- 43. The League of Women Voters will provide small demonstration voting machines for use in the schools. These are extremely useful.



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debates, the use of public relations experts, etc. Reference should be made to the introductory unit on "Man and Society."

- 45. In order to discuss the slant which may be given to news by its interpreters, have students choose three different individuals and contrast their views. The choices may be three news commentators such as Huntley, Brinkley and Cronkite, or three newspaper columnists or three authors of texts.
- 46. A film on "Understanding the Law" (Sd. 118.1) is available from the Curriculum Center.
- 47. As a library assignment have the students trace one particular civil right in its interpretation since 1789. Emphasis should be placed on both Supreme Court decisions and the "temper of the times," which helped to bring about changes in interpretation, e.g. the right to bear arms.
- 48. In either oral or written form have the students analyze the following statement: "The Constitution is the supreme law of the land, the yardstick by which the acceptability of all other laws is measured." Students should cite examples of laws that have been declared unconstitutional.
- 49. A film, "Cur Living Constitution" (Sd. 340.1) is available from the Curriculum Center, but it is quite old.
- 50. A discussion on the limitation of rights may be held centering about the meaning of the phrase, "The right to swing your arm ends where the other fellow's nose begins."



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SUCCESTED ACTIVITIES

- 51. Have students list the powers reserved to the states. Conduct a class discussion on the gradual erosion of state powers in such fields as education, highways, public welfare. The discussion could bring out the fact that the distinction between reserved and concurrent powers has become increasingly vague in recent years.
- 52. Attention is given to city and county government in the unit on Urban Problems which comes later in the course.
- 53. Assign groups of students to do some research on varying practices of state governments with respect to some specific powers as administering taxation, welfare or education. They may be especially interested in comparing the states of Delaware, New Jersey and New York in the fields of registration of drivers, liquor and cigarette laws.
- 54. Counties in different states often fulfill varied functions. Students may consult some references on government to find out what duties county governments may assume.
- 55. Compare and contrast the problems encountered by state governments in large and small states or in densely and sparsely populated areas with respect to problems such as provision of schools, maintenance of highways, police protection, etc.
- 56. Students have previously formulated a definition of policy (see Activity No. 2). They should utilize this definition to begin a discussion on policy making in the government. The discussion could include the following points:
 - a. Who are the policy makers?
 - b. Is there a consistent policy in American government?
 - c. What part does the bureaucracy play in formulating policy?
 - d. What part does policy play in the day-to-day actions of government?
- 57. A film "How a Bill Becomes a Law", (Sd. 105.2) is available in the Curriculum Center.



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- 58. The first unit, "Man and Society', has activities on this same content area.
- 59. Have students choose a specific example of governmental policy such as the poverty program, and examine periodicals on that subject. They may be interested in speculating on the ways this policy may be affected by public opinion.
- 60. In considering both public opinion and propaganda, students should discuss the effects of various labby groups upon public policy on either a state or national level. It might be an interesting assignment to have each student choose to represent a particular interest group and then discuss a bill before Congress or the Assembly in terms of their particular
- 61. Students have already made a detailed study of propaganda devices in Unit One. After reviewing the essentials of that lesson, students should discuss the various propaganda means which are employed to influence public policy.
- shape public opinion on public policy.

 63. A film on "Pressure Groups" (Sd. 135.2) is available from the Curriculum Center.

Students should bring in clippings from newspapers and periodicals which demonstrate propaganda methods used to

- 64. Students may select a particular issue on which they wish to become a pressure group. Have them list the various means they may use to influence public policy.
- 65. There are several well-known fiction books, such as Allen Drury's Advise and Consent, which present an interesting picture of the pressures involved in Policy making. A student or group of students may be interested in reporting on one of these books.
- 66. As a culminating activity, again utilize the problem-solving approach in a discussion of policy making. A possible wording of the problem might be, "Who in a democratic government should make the ultimate decisions concerning policy?"

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- 67. Students should do preliminary reading in texts and supplementary sources to define terms such as the following:
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- 68. Have the students assemble a bulletin board showing the various factors that influence foreign policy. For reference the teacher may want to use Saul Padover's pamphlet Foreign Affairs in the Eagleton Institute series.
- 69. Students should list at least five governmental and nongovernmental agencies which may influence a particular foreign policy, e.g. Middle East policy.
- 70. One of the functions performed by our Senate is to act as an investigating body into current malpractices on the American scene and to act on the basis of its investigations. Students may prepare reports on any of the following investigations to find out (a) why the case appeared at a particular time (b) the parties involved (c) the problem in question, and (d) the action that was taken. The teacher may supplement this list with any current investigation. Some investigations might include the Army-McCarthy hearings, Senate Rackets Committee, Senate Investigation into auto safety, bugging devices, etc.
- 71. Students should bring in clippings from newspapers and magazines which will pinpoint some particular aspect of difficulty in American society. These may be utilized to form a bulletin board in which the clippings are categorized under various headings.
- 72. As was done in Unit I, students may formulate a priority list of problems facing the American people. They may check other periods of history in texts and supplementary sources to compare the problems and priorities of that era with their own.



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- 73. As with the "problems of democracy", have the students formulate a list of the ways in which the American government meets the needs of society. This list should be used for discussion.
- 74. Students should write an essay contrasting the advantages and limitations of the American constitutional government. This essay should discuss the questions: To what extent is our Constitutional democracy adequate? To what extent is our Constitutional democracy inadequate?
- 75. The culminating activity for this unit is the use of the problem-solving approach in a discussion of the question: Is our Constitutional democracy adequate? This question may be restated as follows: In what ways is our Constitutional democracy adequate? In what ways does it appear to be inalequate?

UNIT III: URBAN PROBLEMS

CVERVIEW

Suggested Time: 7 weeks

of an urban area under study. Students in the Wilmington Public Schemed about the problems of their own city. If the city is used a areas the teacher may make use of nearby agencies, officials, newspas well as utilize the experiences of the students.

This unit is designed to utilize the city of Wilmington as an

Speakers may be obtained from local, city and state agencies a

Greater Wilmington Development Council, Delaware Correctional Council, Public Welfare Office, Public Works Department and the Wilmington I groups and community leaders. Speakers should be requested and schoole the principal must be notified about any guest speaker before

The transparencies mentioned in the unit will be made available.

Good local references in booklet form are:

Visual Department of the Wilmington Public Schools.

Planning (10 part series)

Advanced Planning Division, 1966

New Castle County Regional Planning Commission
County Engineering Building, Kirkwood Highway.

County Engineering Building, Kirkwood Highway, Wilmingt Comprehensive Plans (1 comprehensive surmary of six works

City of Wilmington
Wilmington Commission on Zoning and Planning
Public Building, Wilmington, Delaware

University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware

Series of studies on various urban problems in Wilmington unemployment, transportation, recreation, etc. (Prepared Division of Urban Affairs



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It may be useful to have each student choose to make a special student appear demonstrating the problem-solving techniques presented to the confination of this project. This approach permits individual students class discussions.

OBJECTIVES OF THIS UNIT

By the end of the unit the student should be able to:

- 1. Write a definition of "city" that includes six attributes that it from a rural area or a town.
- Compare the early functions of cities with their functions in century.
- Describe the characteristics of suburbs that cause them to be as part of an urban area rather than a rural area.
- 4. Demonstrate an understanding of the concept of "megalopolis" the connections between Wi Philadelphia, Wilmington and Ealtimore, and Wilmington and No.
- Contrast the general characteristics of the population of Will of rural and suburban populations with respect to age, race,
- 6. Explain why transportation, air pollution, population density mobility are critical problems in the city but not in small to
- Cite newspaper articles or partisan brochures as evidence of urban problems in Wilmington.
- 8. Demonstrate a knowledge of the forces which help to shape publin a large city by listing special interest groups such as ripbusiness or particular political interests. Students should be recognize the existence of such special interests in influence of a superhighway through town, the attitude toward a new school.

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- 9. Describe orally or in writing the difficulties met by a particular Wilmington agency such as the Housing Authority or the Traffic Bureau in attempting to solve some specific urban problems.
- 10. Show an awareness of the scope of such problems as transportation and urban renewal in Wilmington by contrasting them with the problems of New York City, Chicago or any other large city.

is true, as transportation, slum clearance, or sanitation.

- List some sources of information related to urban areas on the national, state, country and city levels.
- 12. Show an awareness that many urban problems which appear to require primarily physical solutions are often really intricately involved with delicate social, economic and political problems by describing at least two problems in which this

13. Draw a diagram representing five concentric zones dividing an urban area into

- zones of slums, warehouses and described properties; a zone of business and commercial districts; another of old homes, multi-family dwellings and small stores; one of newer apartment houses; and finally one of truly residential suburbs.

 14. Compare in writing the advantages and disadvantages of moving to the suburbs from Wilmington or from the city of New York to its suburbs.
- 15. Cite and explain reasons for the disintegration and decay of the center city area.
- 16. Distinguish between a "slum", a "ghette" and a middle income neighborhood.17. List a number of the usual health problems of a city and select those that have been dealt with successfully by most cities and those that still remain dangerous in most
- cities and suggest some explanation for those that still remain dangerous.

 13. Give two specific examples of conflict between the city of Wilmington and the county or the State of Dolaware which resulted from the overlap of legal units and which produced an impasse on some issue.



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- 19. Show an awareness of the problems of providing educational services in a city.
- 20. Discuss, either orally or in writing, the conditions in urban areas that might account for the high crime rate.
- 21. Write a description of an urban renewal or redevelopment project in Wilmington or Philadelphia that seems an obvious failure and another which is an apparent success.
- 22. Describe the increasingly serious financial problems of city government because of diminishing sources of income and increasing demands for services.
- 23. Write an essay on the probable impact that the trend toward urbanization and the concept of megalopolis will have on the United States and perhaps the World in the the 21st century.
- 24. Write a paper embodying constructive suggestions for remedying some of Wilmington's most stubborn problems and displaying an understanding of the local values, the political and economic pressures and the finances that determine the practicality of attempting to implement remedies of any sort.



I. What is an urban community?

America?

- A. How can it be determined whether or not a community is urban?
 - B. Why are there cities?
 - C. Why have cities grown so large and important in many places in modern

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- l. Assign the students the task of writing a definition of the term "city" in their own words. Then discuss this in class until students can agree on a list of attributes that a community must have to be considered a "city" rather than a town or mural area.
- 2. Discuss with the students some possible explanations for the existence and growth of cities in ancient and modern times. Then assign Chapter 26 in Problems and Promise of American Democracy or any other similar reading assignment that discusses the history of the city with emphasis on how cities differ from one era to another and from one society to another.
 - Have students create their own illustrations of the real changes in the functions of cities that time can bring by comparing the principal interests and activities or such cities as Boston, Chicago, St. Louis, and Atlanta fifty years ago and one hundred years ago with those of today. (i.e. cotton market one hundred years ago compared to industrial center today)
 - Hand out a list of the major cities in the United States and have the students locate these on the map. Find at least one geographic reason why they have become the largest cities. What changes brought about the decline of some settlements that seemed to have potential as sites for great cities? Examples: Buffalo and New Orleans.
 - In a class discussion have students attempt to compile a list of factors which caused the growth and spread of cities in the United States in the early twentieth century. After reading Chapter 27 in <u>Problems and Promise of American Democracy</u>, they should be able to lengthen their lists. (Keep to such general factors as the automobile, electricity, railroads, automated farming.)
- 6. Give two students a few days to do some research on the major turning points or steps in the development of Wilmington. Have them give a report on this information to the class and discuss with the class what the major influences on Wilmington have been (flour milling, arrival of duPonts, the railroad, etc.) and how they have changed this city. (Consult: Wilmington Under Four Flags by Anna T. Lincoln, Tuttle Publ. Co. 1937)



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- 7. Show the set of transparencies which illustrate the growth of Wilmington in the last two centuries. (Available in the school library) Discuss why Vilmington probably spread in the directions that it did.
- 8. Chow the class the everheal transparency set of the surrent boundaries (See Library) of Wilmington and discuss with them the question of whether or not these are the 'real' limits of the city. (Refer back to the definition developed in No. 1.) Discuss the boundaries of "greater Wilmington." This should demonstrate the difference between the legal limits of a city and the extent of the urban area of Wilmington. Add the transparency of the United States Census Report's illustration of what they consider to be Wilmington's "urban area" and discuss.
- Describe the characteristics of suburbs that rause then to be classified as urban rather than a rural area.
- 10. Show the film, 'Middle Atlantic Seaboard Region: Great Cities', (Sd. 214.2). Discuss the terms 'megalopolis', 'metroyalitan', 'industrial park', and 'bedroom economity'. This is an excellent film.
- 11. Assign the students the task of writing up a case or argument for the assertion that Wilmington is a satellite of Philadelphia; then do the same with the relationship between Wilrington, New York City, Baltimore, and Philadelphia. Ask students what Newark's relationship to Wilmington is currently and discuss this topic.
- 12. Show a transparency contrasting the farm or rural population with the urban (including suburban) in the United Stated from 1800 to 1950. Discuss with the class how these changes in population have affected the character of the country in politics, education, ethics and standards of living. A transparency in the school library provides this information. Another set of transparencies contrasts the character of the population of the city with that of the suburbs with respect to age, race, and education.



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- 13. Have the students read the essay by Crevecoeur, "What is an American?" and ask them to comment either in writing or in class on the accuracy of his description if applied to America today. This essay should illustrate the traditional values from America's rural past. The notion of culcural lag may be introduced. The essay may be found in Living Ideas in America by Henry Steele Commager.
- 14. Ask each student to make a list of the adjectives he would use to describe his concept of a farmer today, and another list of those he would use to describe the urbane hero of current fiction, as James Bond. Each student should then list the adjectives he would

use to describe the "city slicker" as he appears in television westerns and in the fables of folk heroes such as Davy Crockett

- and Andrew Jackson. Lead the students to contrast the traditional American concept of the city dweller and of the rough country man with the student's modern views. This exercise should demonstrate to the students the changes urbanization has brought about in the American outlook--from one of admiration for the poor, uneducated, unwashed but honest, resourceful, and courageous backwoodsman or farmer to one approaching disdain for his backwardness. 15. Have the students collect clippings from the local paper or other sources on problems of the city of Wilmington throughout the time of the unit. Different students can be put in charge of collecting articles on various problem areas. The total collection can be put on the bulletin board or in a scrapbook to be denated to the
- possible the clippings should be discussed in class with a view toward following the latest developments in a special problem area. 16. Assign a review of Chapter 27 in Problems and Promise of American Democracy. Then divide the students into small groups and instruct them to come up with a group list of what they think may be the four worst problems common to the major cities in the United States. Discuss these lists until the class can come to some sort of an agreement on one list of four.

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17. For homework, each group could be challenged to find proof that its four problems are really at the crisis stage in a major city, by finding articles in newspapers or periodicals that will subtantiate their claims.



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involved. Such sources as the following may be investigated:

Correctional Council of Delaware

Citizen's Council for Clean Air Wilmington Housing Authority

Department of Corrections

Welfare Department Mayor's assistant

18. At this point projects can be assigned to students. Using the problem-solving method they should attempt to develor some understanding of the seriousness of a particular problem in Wilmington and develop, in a written assignment, some ideas or suggestions for solving them. A great deal of information from the various planning agencies in the city, state and county is available in the school library. Students can obtain brochures, pamphlets, maps, reports and interviews quite easily from the local agencies

Have groups of students draw up lists of some of the physical attributes of most early American cities which are too old-fashioned to fit the demands of the 20th century, e.g. roads, water pipes, utilities, reservoirs, housing, commercial buildings, parking facilities, trains, sanitation facilities, bridges, etc. Have students consider these specifically as they affect Wilmington.

20. Show the film "How Cities Grow" (Sd. 100.1). After the film discuss the changing concentric "zones of transition" in the city as described in the film.

Order recent census reports on Wilmington from the Census Bureau in Washington, D.C., and compare them with the reports and trans-

parencies in the library. The latter illustrate the educational level, the income and the race and job status of residents of the census zones in Wilmington, as well as the location of housing the United States Census Bureau defines as "dilapidated." Such a comparison in class should demonstrate the rapidly changing neighborhoods and the decay of the center city. Ask students if they observe any similarities in the status of some areas on all four maps. What generalizations might they make concerning these areas? Why do areas of dilapidated housing, poor education, low income and incomplete families tend to coincide? The teacher should caution students about the dangers of over-generalizing on the basis of limited data.

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Using the Greater Wilmington Development Council (GWDC) Report on Population Movement in Wilmington (Library), two other students can be assigned to prepare an explanation for the current exodus from the center of the city outward, and present it to

- the rest of the class. What advantages of the city if the suburbanite leaving behind? What is he gaining?

 Have the students make lists of What features a residence must
- have to be considered an adequate family home.

 25. Invite someone from the Wilmington Housing Authority (WHA) to speak to the class on how much adequate housing is available in the city, where, and at what cost. If here is a shortage the class can ask him about what has been done to increase the amount of low-income housing that is adequate. (Depending on
 - the current situation it might be better to invite someone from the housing division of the GWDC.)

 The class may want to re-examine the transparencies on the locations and severity of dilapidated housing, at this point, with the invited speaker on housing. Show the transparency illustrating the five principal urban renewal projects now underway. The speaker can discuss this with students or those students who have chosen housing or urban renewal as project
- students who have chosen housing or urban renewal as project subjects can explain the different projects.

 27. Show the film "The City" (Sd. 46.3). It is quite old, but it is a very dramatic and well-done description of "polluted city life", although it is dedicated to the idea that the planned city is a panacea. The class can discuss the impressions given them by this artistic propaganda film.

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If no projects have been assigned on the subject, a small committee of students can be chosen to investigate the seriousness of air and water pollution in urban areas. Information can be secured from the local "Citizens for Clean Air" and the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in Washington. The

<u>Wilmington Evening Journal</u> also ran a series on the subject in in February 1968. Members of the science department can be used

- 29. Show transparencies on pollution (Library) and discuss their significance. (Wilmington is fifteenth in the nation among cities with polluted air.)
- 30. An official from the local Health Department can be invited to speak to the class on the difficulty of providing clean water, food, air, and housing to the people of a city. Ask the speaker to bring into his exchange with the students as many recent developments as possible, such as the federal "rat bill" and meat inspection laws, as well as the most recent anti-pollution laws. The State Water Resources Commission may provide additional in-
- 31. A local Public Works official or the New Castle County Highway Department can be invited to class or be visited by a committee to question him on the problems of snow and garbage removal and sewer and underpass flooding in the city.
- 32. A study should be made by another committee of how the county deals with the problems mentioned in Nos. 30 and 31.
- 33. Several students should be assigned the task of gathering information from periodicals on the enormity of the transportation problems of the big cities of New York, Chicago and San Francisco. They could then report to the class their findings with maps and information on some suggested or trial solutions. The class discussion that follows could then be ade a minor exercise in problem solving.

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- 35. Ditto copies of the map of the main commuter routes into Wilmington and use the trensparency of the same map (in the Library). Have the students indicate on their maps at least three trouble spots in rush hour traffic with descriptions of the trouble. The class as a whole can then arrive at a list of four or five of the worst traffic barriers in the city or on the way in or out of the city. Then invite an official from the Traffic Division of the Public Works Department or the County Traffic Commission to explain to the class the difficulties involved in alleviating these traffic problems. The Urban Affairs Pepartment of the University of Celavare has published a report on the subject and it is in the library.
- 36. The Philadelphia Planning Commission will send the students the plans for the renewal of center city Philadelphia so they can be essigned a project comparing the success of Philadelphia with that of Wilmington and information is also easily available from the Development Commission in Washington, D. C.
- 37. All students should be given the Wilmington Housing Authority booklets describing the five principal urban renewal projects and current programs reports. After reading this, they should be able to compare projects and discuss their relative worth. (Available from Wilmington Housing Authority offices)
- 38. Assign students a two-page paper on the relative merits and drawbacks of the different purposes and methods of the various projects now underway or in the planning stages in Wilmington. Block Blight, Inc., Bethel A.M.E. Church and Father Casson of St. Andrews will provide students with information and speakers whose approaches vary considerably from one a other.



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- 39. Have three students write to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the Department of Urban Affairs, and the Department of Transportation in Washington to request information on current federal programs to aid urban renewal. They should organize the visual material and summarize the information for presentation to the rest of the class.
- 40. Assign Chapter 28 in <u>Problems and Promise of American Democracy</u>. At this point the students should be able to discuss the faults and drawbacks of various urban renewal programs, such as 1) relocation complaints, 2) fear of the practice of Negro removal, 3) the creation of high-rise ghettos, 4) patchwork planning and involved red tape delays, 5) the reluctance to replace slums with low-rent housing.
 - Before they submit the plan in No. 42 they should examine Life Magazine's Excerpt No. 20 on "The Cities of Tomorrow" or some other publication which illustrates the dreams of the future in city planning and are exotic or radical in nature.
 - Divide the class into two groups, with each to act as a planning commission to design and seek approval of the city council for a plan for a model city. Each group should present its plan to the other group, which is acting as the city council. The advantages and disadvantages of each plan should be pointed out by the members
 - Assume that a worthwhile plan has been rejected by the city council. Students should suggest some of the possible reasons why it was rejected. These may include: 1) lack of coordination and cooperation between government agencies, 2) inadequate resources of local government, 3) confusion in goals and values. Have the members of the class discuss the social, economic and political factors which often complicate the solution of problems that may appear to be primarily physical.
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 44. Assign Chapter 29 in <u>Problems and Promise of American Democracy</u> or any reading which discusses the social and political problems peculiar to cities. It might be more effective to divide the chapter into several installments to be spread throughout Section IV of this curriculum outline.

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h 1966 a New York University team was employed to survey the

roblems of Wilmington's city schools. This group suggested me remedies which students may be asked to weigh as to merits nd disadvantages:

a. Division of the city into quadrants which would be added to the suburban district adjacent to them

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- b. Division of the city into pie-shaped areas, each of which would extend out into the suburbs, thereby requiring reorganization of them too.
- In order to integrate these districts provide for: (1) Bussing
 - (2) An educational park

(3) Specialized high schools

few students may be interested in collecting information and eporting to the class on such topics as the following: low is the Wilmington Board of Public Education chosen? hat are the advantages and disadvantages of this method? Now are school taxes determined? Who collects them?

take a list in class of the special services provided by the ilmington schools for students and the community. Include ducation for the blind, deaf and disabled; community schools; classes for retarded and emotionally disturbed children.

Some students may be interested in comparing the Wilmington schools with nearby suburban schools with respect to physical cacilities, textbooks and teachers' salaries. They may present their findings in a panel discussion, followed by questions from the class.



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- C. To what extent is the urban crisis caused by the pressure of poverty and unrest on the part of a deprived minority?



 Discuss the recent program in Wilmington designed to cut down on violence in the schools, as monitors, fencing of school yards, leadership training, etc.

52. Assign a group of four or five students to present a panel dis-

- cussion on the subject: "To what degree are our schools being used as vehicles of social change?" If this is being done, should it be continued? If not, why not?
- ficial 53. Several students should be sent to interview Wilmington's Commissioner of Public Safety on "What is the nature of crimes committed in the city?" and "To what extent is the crime rate in the city on the increase? Where and when do most crimes occur?

Who are the criminals?'

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questions the class may have on what is being done to hold down the crime rate in Wilmington. (Mr. Krams has volunteered.)

Insist that each student be prepared with three questions to ask on how crime can be prevented in the city.

55. The Correctional Council of Delaware and the Youth Services Commission may be asked to send a representative to the class to

Invite a member of the Crime Prevention League to answer any

delinquent youth or the mascent adult criminal.

The class may be divided into buzz groups for the purpose of listing at least two and not more than five specific and immediately workable suggestions for improving the city's chances for sociding any more rioting or the injury and damage caused by it.

describe what measures are taken in Delaware to rehabilitate

crisis 57. Assign for homework to the whole class the task of defining a "ghetto" and a "slum" and comparing the meaning of the two.

Consider also the meaning of "middle income neighborhood."

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- Show the film "A Place to Live" (Sd. 172.2). Discuss afterward what the young slum-dweller's reaction to the world around him might be for the rest of his life.
- Discuss in class or give as r lework the task of defining "open housing" and "closed housing." What is the Delaware law concerning open housing? How effective is it? 60. Invite (or interview) a prominent supporter of "open housing" to discuss what provisions "open housing" laws should or can
- 61. The students should be divided into teams to do research on the following questions:

have and what the future of such legislation appears at the

- 1. What health services does the city of Wilmington provide? the county? the State? the federal government?
- 2. What are the sources of revenue for community services? What private agencies are available? 3. What welfare support is available in Wilmington?
- Where does the money for this welfare come from? 4. Show the transparencies on Public Welfare from New Focus, March, 1969. 62. Make a transparency illustrating the political organization of
- published seri-annually.) 63. Two students can be sent to see the city treasurer to discuss where the city gets its income and what are the financial prob-36? lems of Wilmington. The Mayor's Annual Report is published in

Wilmington with the current office holders named on a chart. (Use League of Women Voters, Facts on New Castle County

the newspapers. The students should report to the class. 64. After reading Chapter 29, etc. or a similar reference, have students list five difficulties cities are likely to have in raising money. Discuss these in class.



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- What is the relationship of most cities with the county and the state to which they belong?
- 65. Discuss "What are the a sales tax to raise Journal, March, 1969.
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Discuss "What are the merits of a city using a salary tax and/or a sales tax to raise needed revenue?" (See material in the News Journal, March, 1969.)

If Chapter 29, <u>Problems and Promise of Democracy</u>, has not previously been assigned, it should be done for this topic of county-city and city-state relationships.

Have students discuss the relationship between New Castle County and Wilmington with respect to parks, police, highways, county courts, etc.

In what ways do suburban dwellers continue to utilize city facilities? What stake do the suburbs have in the continued existence of the city?

Have students list some possible sources of three-way friction among the city and a) a county which contains a large population and b) a state which contains a large rural population.

The class should be able to remember at least a few recent incidents of friction between New Castle County and Wilmington (e.g., I 95 intersection on Delaware Avenue, the tax rate, the replacement of the Delaware Coach Company by a Transportation Authority, differences between the Governor and the Mayor over the presence of the National Guard.) A discussion of such incidents should emphasize the problems of overlapping jurisdictions.

Discuss the question: "To what extent does the division of political authority in a large urban area among city, county and state authorities affect their ability to solve mutual problems as police, highways, schools?"



3. How does the political organization of the city affect its ability to deal with its other problems?

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4. What is the extent and effect

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- 72. Ask students to list the services provided by the state for the City of Wilmington that would be a firancial burden for the city if not provided. The list might include the following:

 school aid

 velfare
 - roads homes for the elderly
- 73. Arrange a two-or three-way debate by ussigning either two or three sets of two students each to find the advantages of different general methods of organizing a city government such as Mayor-Council, City Manager, Mayor-Commission or any other combinations they wish to present.
- 74. For homework, have the class search some American history textbooks to make a list of notorious city machines that have existed in the United States.
 - Discuss in class how these machines gained and held power. (Examples: Taurany Hall, Chicago)
- 75. Suggest to the students that they read the novels, The Last Kurrah by Edwin O'Connor or All in the Family to visualize the situation a city political machine creates.
- 76. Take as large t group as possible to a meeting of the City Council. If arrangements can made, an interview with the mayor concerning the new city charter may be worthwhile. Students should ask why the charter was changed.
- 77. Ask students to find some issues that their parents or other adults in the city believe were involved with minority pressures in Wilmington such as: a particular road, a school, a celebration.
 - Discuss the possible sides to these questions and lead them to the question of whether or not the fact that cities sometimes respond to minority pressure is altogether negative.



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- 78. Discuss the problems that ancient European cities such as Paris and London have that American cities are spared. (Ancient relics and landmarks taking up prime areas and medieval political organization, etc.)
- 79. Show the stude at one or two Screen News Digest Films on Hong Kong, New Delhi, Calcutta, Havana or Madrid to demonstrate some of the reasons why the situation can be so much worse in a heavily populated city in a non-industrial society. (Hong Kong 314.217; India Ci. 45.1 or Sd. 15.2; Havana Cuba 314.258; Madrid Sd. 13.1)
- 80. Have the students make a list of those factors which would make the non-industrialized city's situation so much worse socially and economically.
- 81. Have the members of the class make a list of constructive suggestions for remedying some of Wilmington's most stubborn problems. The list may be compiled on the board and each item discussed. Students should give evidence of considering local values, political and economic pressures and financial problems. This framework will largely determine the practicality of attempting to implement any of the suggested remedi.

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UNIT IV: THE AMERICAN ECONOMIC SY

OVERVIEW

(Suggested Time: 7 weeks)

Opportunities for developing economic understanding exist in in the fields of the social sciences. The Modern Problems course, opportunity to develop and refine the skills of economic analysis.

Economics deals with the fundamental question of allocating this country to meet the unlimited wants of human beings. The madevelopment of the ability to reach rational decisions on economic must meet the problem of deciding how to make use of scarce resour making is a part of the responsibility of each individual and help the nation.

The knowledge needed by students in developing personal econdecisions they must make as citizens in helping to develop public units that follow too abstract or difficult for students may wish facts, then proceed to the understandings required for effective major adaptations of the content of this unit for some classes. Content according to the ability level of the class, the materials study of the unit.

It is expected that a parallel resource unit will be developed on personal economic facts and concepts. Meanwhile the teacher withese lines may find a report prepared by a Commission of the Joir It is entitled <u>Economics</u> and the <u>Consumer</u>. A brief outline indicates essentials of personal economics is appended at the end of this unifrom the social studies supervisor if desired.

In its original form this unit was prepared under the direct Professor Robert L. Harman of the Drexel Institute of Technology, school year 1968-69 the unit was revised by teachers of the course



E AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM

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understanding exist in many subjects in the curriculum, especially dedern Problems course, planned for seniors, provides the major of economic analysis.

Lestion of allocating the limited resources of this world and of human beings. The major objective of economic education is the decisions on economic problems. Both individuals and societies he use of scarce resources. In a democracy this economic decisionach individual and helps to determine the economic well-being of

veloping personal economic competence is closely related to the ping to develop public policy. Therefore teachers who find the for students may wish to start the unit with personal economic required for effective citizenship. Thus they may need to make not for some classes. They should feel free to omit or to add the class, the materials available and the time available for

be unit will be developed at a later date with a special focus Meanwhile the teacher who wishes to restructure the course along a Commission of the Joint Council on Economic Education helpful.

A brief outline indicating what the Commission considers the ed at the end of this unit. Copies of the report may be obtained red.

repared under the direction of a professional economist, institute of Technology. After try-out in the schools during the by trachers of the course.



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OBJECTIVES OF THE UNIT

Note to the teacher:

The objectives given are suggestive of the types of achievement it is only the teacher who knows the students can select appropriate objectives. He has the responsibility of expanding or simplifying the objectives in or experiences for his students. The content outline has been prepared for t in it is too difficult for students the teacher should find or develop som the terms given in the content outline may not be used.

By the end of the unit the student should be able to:

- 1. Write or state orally a definition of an economic system.
- Name at least three decisions every economic system must make con is to be produced, how it will be produced, how much and how will
- 3. Name the three types of decision making units in our economy--hou individuals), business firms and government.
- 4. Write a paragraph explaining each of the three major ways of resc conflicts which arise because men do not agree on the way scarce used: (a) tradition or custom, (b) authority or government fiat and (c) market bargaining.
- Explain why scarcity exists and why it is a permanent condition of all countries.
- 6. Explain, either orally or in writing, what is meant by "perfect"
 The response should make clear that perfect competition includes a large number of buyers and sellers and a homogeneous product.
- 7. Enumerate at least three difficulties encountered by new products market (e.g., product differentiation, patents, conflict with pat



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capital
deficit
price inflation
allocation of resources
division of labor

- 9. Write a paragraph on the role that relative scarcity plays in the in an arid area, "precious" gems. (Note: The least important use its value in all uses.)
- 10. Distinguish between (a) private wants (clothing, etc.), (b) social satisfied by the market because no one can be excluded from their category of wants is "merit vants", such as education, medical car market place, but their social importance leads government to levy
- 11. Cite four factors which determine the level of productivity--the notinput. (The answer should include efficiency of the manufacture the work force, the quality of capital equipment and the degree of and labor.)
- 12. Given a simplified circular flow diagram identify and explain the flow of money and goods and services between family households, bu
 - 13. Explain how the government can (a) stimulate the economy and (b) h economy that is tending toward runaway inflation.
- 14. Name and explain at least three ways by which the Federal Reserve of money and credit.
- 15. Explain each of the following taxes: direct taxes; indirect taxes tax; property tax.
- 16. Explain why, in the absence of the availability of foreign loans, crease the rate of economic growth only by maintaining political sumption in order to make capital formation possible.
- 17. Discuss the role of profit in the allocation of resources.



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income distribution
monetary policy
saving
real income
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CONTENT

- I. The nature of economics
 - A. Economics is the study of the means by which man allocates scarce resources for the satisfaction of his material wants.
 - An economy is defined as the total of three types of decisionmaking units--households, business firms and government agencies.
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- s the decision-s, business encies.
- 2. Have each student make a list of some of the material wants he has not been able to satisfy, ranking them in order of importance. Using the first item on his list, have each student write an explanation of the reasons for wanting the item, how important the need is, and the length of expected use. What other possible uses of the money would have to be denied if he purchased this item?
- 3. Just as the individual must make constant choices among alternative ways of using scarce resources; so do all societies. There are not enough goods and services in the world to satisfy all the wants of the three and one-half billion people in the world. Take food as an example of a scarce resource. Thousands of people die of starvation every day in such countries as India. China and Africa. Even in a rich country such as the United States there is malnutrition and starvation. Have students attempt to answer such questions as these: Why is there not enough food in the world? Why do we not produce more: Is food ever wasted. Why must all societies economize (allocate resources)? Why are men likely to disagree on how the allocation is to be made.
- 4. Raise the question of what would happen if all the people in the country listed their wants as in Activity Two above. Obviously there would not be a sufficient quantity of the goods desired to satisfy everyone. The discussion should emphasize the fact that human wants are unlimited and resources are limited. This should lead to the conclusion that scarcity is a permanent condition. Students should try to answer the following questions:
 - How does our economy decide whose wants are to be gratified?
 - b. How else might an economy decide who is to get what?



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determining what is produced and for whom it is produced. This transparency should provoke discussion which would help introduce the next activity.

6. When business firms, households (individuals) and government are all seeking goods why are their desires likely to come into conflict? Students should examine this question and then explain why some method of reconciling or harmonizing these conflicting demands is necessary.

Use Transparency No. 2 in the school litrary. It is entitled "The Universal Economic Questions". It presents four methods of

7. Have the students pretend that they have been shipwrecked on an uninhedited island where the only sources of food are coccanute and fish. Supply the class with paper models of coccanuts and fish, providing only enough for half of the class to have either a fish or a coccanut. Have the students list possible ways of allocating the food. Then they should discuss the advantages or

group determine the choice made?

8. The caste system of India in the past may be used as an example of a traditional way of allocating goods. (The pamphlet by Fersh, "India and South Asia" is an excellent reference.) Or, examples from medieval times may be used to show how tradition may allocate goods. Primogeniture is a good example. Students may be asked to consider the advantages and disadvantages of this method of allocating goods.

disadvantages of each proposed method. Consideration should be given to the effect of each method on the food supply for the succeeding days. To what extent do the values held by the

9. The allocation of resources by government fiat or regulation not only occurs in totalitarian countries but is not entirely unknown in this country. During World War II there were controls on consumer credit and other examples of government regulation. Under what circumstances might it become necessary for the government to allocate food and other resources by decree rather than by the market? Does the government play any part in the allocation of resources at present? (For example, food stamp plan, TVA, etc.)

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- B. Resources are used to satisfy the needs of two sectors of the economy-the private sector and the public sector.
 - 1. Private sector
 - a. Food b. Clothing
 - c. Shelter d. Luxuries
 - 2. Public sector
 - a. Social wants are those from the consumption of which no one can be excluded, regardless of whether or not he pays for them.
 - b. Merit wants are those which could be purchased privately, but which the society considers too important to be left to individual choice.
- C. Consumer choice
 - Consumer selection of products is motivated by a desire to obtain the greatest possible satisfaction from the use of a limited income.

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- 10. Play a market game to show how the market allocates goods. Holi an auction to bring together buyers and sellers to show how price allocates the goods according to the intensity of individual preferences. It should be brought out in the discussion that services are allocated by the market in much the same way as goods.
- 11. Have students discuss why it is necessary for government to reallocate resources through taxation for social needs. They may do this by making a list of individual needs which are also social wants. Stress the social responsibilities of individuals and point out that a degree of coercion is involved in taxation.
- 12. Place the following list of wants on the chalkboard and have the students discuss which of these services should be classified as "merit wants" and which as "social wants":

Note that the scope of social wants tends to change from time to

time as values change.

national defense
guaranteed annual income
education
garbage removal
flood control
pulice and fire protection
clean air

Note: There may well be differences of opinion as to the ways these items should be classified.

- 13. Individual students may be asked to consider how much of their future income they would be willing to pay in taxes for public services. This should lead to a general discussion. The purpose of raising this question is to point to the fact that it is the collective will of the citizens of a democracy that sets the tax level. Once the joint decision is made citizens must comply with it.
- 14. Lead a class discussion about the fact that consumer choice determines what will be produced. Point out that the consumer may choose to refrain from work rather than choose a higher income.



- C. Consumer choice (continued)
 - a. Because preferences are subjective (as love, beauty, taste) they cannot be assigned numerical values; preferences may be

listed in order of priority.

- b. It is wrong to assume that different people have common taste in products; because of this fact interpersonal comparisons cannot be made among pre-
- Additional units of consumption of a good, such as additional cups of coffee with dinner, bring progressively less satisfaction (diminishing marginal utility).

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15. Place the following statement on the chalkboard: "The number of units a consumer wishes to buy at each price stams from his are subauty, taste) efforts to gain maximum satisfaction from his limited budget." ned numeri-Students should translate this statement into practical terms in ces may be regard to an actual purchase. Questions such as the following riority. may help stimulate discussion: Would the acquisition of a second automobile provide e that difthe family with as much satisfaction as the first ear? Does the purchase of a color television set increase ommon taste of this the satisfaction derived from watching television omparisons erough to justify the purchase of a color set rather

mption of all cups of Expenditures for 1960-61 as shown on the table on the following page. Study of this table should enable students to draw several conclusions. For instance, as family incomes increase the percent of income spent on food tends to degreease, thus

Present the students with dittoed copies of the following exercise:

illustrating the principal of diminishing marginal utility.

Despite the displeasure of your family, you are very excited at the prospect of spending the summer in the big city. You have found a job leading tours which will pay you \$500 a month. You must live on just this sum, so select which of the following to include in your budget for July.

than something else the family would like to acquire?

. Housing:
a. Rent a new three-bedroom apartment in a nice neighbor-

plus \$30 commuting cost.

- hood: \$200 per month.

 A clean but run-down apartment in a fair neighborhood, but some distance from your work: \$125 per month,
- c. Small, old apartment in a poor neighborhool: \$00 a menth.
- Uniform for work (must wear one each day, clean and ironed):
 \$20 each.



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Food	41,.0	37-8	31.3	29.5	25.5
Housing	46.2	43.5	37.1	33.9	30.5
Clothing	3.2	11.6	9.7	10.4	10.4
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- 3. A new dress or suit, suitable for the more fashionable city, \$40 each dress, or \$80 each suit.
- 4. Shoes--name brand walking shoes: \$25 per pair.
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- 6. Laundry, if you do it yourself: \$4.
- 7. Laundry, if sent out: \$20. 8. Groceries, 3 meals a day at home: \$50 per month.
- 9. Food, eating out at moderate restaurants: \$5 average dinner, \$2 average lunch and breakfast.
- 10. One movie, \$2 per person.
 11. One dance, \$4 per person.
- 12. One stage show, \$10 per person.
 13. One midnight pizza, \$4.
 14. Miscellaneous expenses--cokes, candy, magazines,
- bobby pins, coffee, etc., \$10 per week.

 15. Miscellaneous transportation--bus, taxis, etc.
- \$5 per week.

 16. Haircut \$2.50; Shampoo and set \$4.
- 17. Tips, \$6. 18. Gift, Mother's birthday, \$5.
- Discuss with the students their choices, and why they made the choices they did. The individual budgets will vary considerably. Discuss why. Remind students that in family living more than one set of preferences must be reconciled and future needs must be considered.
- 18. Ask the students what factors lead one to buy on impulse? (advertising, displays, prizes, sales, etc.)
- 19. "Advertising has both negative and rositive aspects." The teacher may write this statement on the board and ask students to list those aspects that are positive and those that are negative.



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- b. Elasticity of demand
 - When demand is inelastic the quantity of a good we wish to buy is about the same at high or low prices.
 - (2) The quantity of luxuries we want to buy is much more dependent on price than that of necessities and is, therefore, elastic.
- Preferences (necessities) are conditioned by environment.

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is of all thinking of going into the business of manufacturing non-refillable rese-thru pens. You need to know how much of a market there will be before you begin. Ask students to indicate by a show of hands

how many of the pens that you have described they would purchase for 50\$ each.

Put on the board the number who would buy at this price and label it as the "aggregate demand" at the price of 50\$. (It should be clear to the students how this differs from individual demand.)

Repeat the same question, but change the cost of the pens to demonstrate how aggregate demand changes with the price. It will be useful to ask the students at this time if the manufacturer

the largest aggregate demand. Remind them that his ed to of production will have to be taken into consideration. This point will be taken up later in the unit.

21. Students should decide whether the demand for the following items

a) bread, b) radios, c) salt, d) jewelry, e) automobiles. They should explain their reasons for each classification.
22. When frozen orange juice was developed the demand f r fresh oranges decreased very substantially. In this case a substitute product caused a change in demand. Students should try to decide what other factors might cause a change in demand, and give examples. They may suggest changes in income or a chang in preferences

tends to be elastic (changeable) or inelastic (unchangeable):

will necessarily sell his pens at the price at which there was

23. Discuss the fact that staple products must be purchased before luxuries, i.e. why a person must buy bread before he buys "cake". Or, why food, clothing and shelter must come before expensive ears and jewelry.

24. Discuss why the owning of a car in this country has almost become a necessity where an individual in another country night consider a car a luxury. Explain why many people in the Southwest might consider an airplane almost as much a necessity as a car.



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- Production: the relationship between input: (raw materials, labor) and the outputs (finished goods and services).
 - a. The major factors of production are land, labor and capital (plant and equipment, tools, and other hardware used in production).
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25. The concept of poverty varies according to what is considered necessary in terms of food, shelter and clothing. For example, if a bow! of rice is all that is considered as a necessity, then a second bowl of rice would be a luxury. In the United States at the present time an income below \$3,000 for a family of four is considered to be the poverty level. Have the students discuss these variations in the meaning of poverty. They should also consider why our present definition varies from those in past periods of our history. 26.

Show the film, "Productivity: Key to America's Economic

27. Have the students list improvements in the efficiency of the manufacturing process that increased the level of productivity, as assembly line, interchangeable parts, etc. 28. Production can be understood in terms of manufacturing of submarine sandwiches. Essentially, production is the combining of inputs, such as bread, sliced meats, tomatoes, olive oil,

> Ask the class to enumerate inputs and outputs of other simple types. Find examples to show that some production processes yield higher levels of output with the same level of input than other, less efficient production processes.

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 - (4) The degree of cooperation between management and labor
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- 29. What factors can be used to help stimulate the skill and drive of the work force?
- 30. Have students comment on the following question:

 Does the increased use of machines to do the work of man reduce the importance of the skill and drive of the work force as a factor in the level of production?
- 31. The quality of the capital equipment of an industrially advanced nation may be contrasted with that of a developing nation. For example, the number of trees an American working with a chain saw can fell in a day may be contrasted with that of a laborer using a machete. Examples may be found of the much higher cutput per worker in an industrially advanced nation with modern capital equipment.
 - 32. Students, many of whom are workers, may have some well-defined opinions on how to maintain good labor-management relations. Their suggestions should be examined carefully by the other students.
 - Discuss how the relationship between management and labor has been affected by the organization of labor unions. Consider the contributions that organized labor has made to the development of our *conomy.
 - a strike. What conditions have caused strikes? Be sure to call attention to the problem of technological unemployment.

A student discussion may be held concerning the principle of

35. Use transparency #27 on inflation. This transparency includes the role of unions in affecting the level of prices.



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- c. Higher productivity facilitates rapid growth of the economy thus turning out more goods and services for the consumer and permitting a higher standard of living.
- d. In a production process as one ingredient is increased while others are held constant the output (product) continues to increase in quantity but at a rate which is less for each additional

unit of input.

- e. The higher the level of productivity, the lower the level of costs of production in a competitive society.
 - (1) Ideally, higher productivity permits increased wage rates and lowered prices of consumer goods.

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wages. 41. Obtain from the Curriculum Center the film entitled 'The Industrial Revolution in England" (Sd. 28.3). After showing the film the following questions may be asked:

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Students may be interested in considering whether or not the "law of diminishing returns" applies to the number of hours spent in preparing for a test. They should consider what effect

such factors as fatigue, boredom and loss of sleep may have on achievement.

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in proportion to yield than the crop is worth?

A farmer may increase his crop yield by adding fertilizer to the soil. If he checks the yield per acre after successive additions of fertilizer he will be able to find out when to fertilize. Students may discuss this situation as an example of diminishing returns. Is it possible that the extra fertilizer may cost more

A comparison of America's production line cars and the Rolls Royce might show how highly efficient, as 3 embly-line production might

lower costs. (Note that the Rolls Royce is custom-made and the

A film entitled "The World of Henry Ford", (Sd. 9.4) shows how

assembly line techniques enabled Ford to lower the cost of the

automobile. It is available in the Curriculum Center.

Mass production, high-volume hamburger stands are splendid examples of the advantages of high productivity. Have the students discuss how the use of automatic equipment permits the preparation of many more hamburgers per man hour, with the consequences that high quality can be maintained with low hamburger prices and high salary. Have the students explain the effect of lower productivity on the combination of quality, price, and

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- a. What social dislocations were brought about by the Industrial Revolution?
- b. What change occurred in the level of production in England?
- c. What effect did the Industrial Revolution have on the standard of living of succeeding generations?
- 42. Can the two statements which follow be reconciled?

 a. Automation eliminates completely the productivity of those workers who are displaced and remain unemployed.
 - b. Automation increases over-all productivity.
- 43. Have students name the industries they would calssify as "service industries." Ask them to name machines which have made some service industries more complex. Also they should name some of the industries which seem less likely to be automated than others.
- 44. In Lindholm and Driscoll's <u>Our American Economy</u>, 1967 edition, a bar graph, page 192, shows employment trends to 1975. Students should study this graph, draw conclusions and relate the information to their own occupational plans. Ask students how they might make their occupational plans, in the light of this information, in order to avoid being displaced by automation?
- 45. Real increases in production in a country such as the United States come partially from an increase in the ability of each worker to produce. Ask students to explain why each American worker has become more productive—turns out more per hour of work. Why must production increase at a faster rate than population growth if living standards are to go up?
- 46. A graph on page 193 of the text mentioned in Activity 44 shows the comparison of employment in goods-producing industries and service industries, 1919-1964. The graph may be more useful if placed on a transparency. Make sure that students can read the graph and draw valid conclusions from the data.



. Supply: the quantity producers wish to sell at each level of price

- a. Supply is shown in the form of a graph or schedule, not as a single number. Generally, the higher the price the more units one wishes to
- b. Elasticity of supply

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- When supply is inclastic, a change in price brings about little change in quantity
 - (2) When supply is elastic, a change in price brings about little change in quantity producers wish to sell.

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- 4. Capital, investment, and profits
 - a. Capital, in economics, is defined as tangible goods (hardware), buildings, and inventory, all of which are desired solely for the production of consumer goods.
 - b. Investment is the acquisition of capital. Investment is different from saving. Saving is the difference between dollar income and dollar expenditure on consumption. Investment is impossible without saving.

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The students need to understand the difference between elastic and inelastic supply. The teacher may explain the distinction between these terms or may send students to references to find out for themselves prior to a class discussion.

48. Elasticity of supply is illustrated and explained on page 26 in

American Economy by Gordon and Witchel. An interesting example of inelastic supply is that of real estate, e. g., the four corners of 4th and Market Streets cannot be increased to five. The price, therefore, will be determined by demand. After discussing this example, students may suggest examples of their own of inelastic supply, such as, salt and diamonds.

Place the following statement on the board and have students discuss whether or not it is a valid statement: "Elasticity in the supply of manufactured goods is much greater than that of agricultural goods."

Have the students survey the chapters in the text and in other references to find out how the term "capital" is used. Note that economists are not always consistent in the way they use the term. In the text by Fersh and Calderwood (page 11), Economics in Action, it is explained that, technically, capital means physical goods, but many people use the term to mean "money." The authors suggest that the difference may be made clear by using the term

"money capital" when speaking of money needed to run a business and "capital goods" or "capital equipment" when speaking of physical capital.

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In a class discussion find out whether or not students understand the difference between saving and investment. It they do not, develop the meaning by using the circular flow diagram or by some other means.

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c. Profit, which is the difference between revenue and costs of a business operation, is the reward for sacrificing to invest.

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- II. The market economy and the "circular flow"
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- 52. Lead a discussion relating to the manner in which personal saving is channeled into investment by savings banks, savings and loan associations, insurance companies, and other institutions. Point out that savers are most often private individuals while investors are usually corporations. Lead the students to the realization that the amount individuals wish to save in a future period may be different from the amount that componations wish to invest in
- 53. In the case of an individual proprietorship profit belongs to the owner. Ask students to find out how profit is handled in a large corporation. They should discuss why the profit motive is an essential part of the private enterprise system.

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some of the factors which influence profits and losses. Students may be able to give local examples.

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55. Many persons have unrealistic ideas about how much profit is made by producers in various industries. Three charts on page 465 of the text mentioned in the preceding activity pro-

vide useful information on profit as percent of sales and pro-

Profits tend to vary from year to year in most businesses.

diagram on page 458 in Economics by Goodman and Harriss illustrates

- fit as percent of owner's investment.

 56. Many consumers in America decided to buy small foreign cars rather than American models so Volkswagens, Austins, Volvos, Saabs, Fiats, Renaults, etc. became common sights in this country. Ask students to review and explain the recent efforts of American car manufacturers to meet this competition. Point out that the influence of the consumer determined what would be produced.
- flow 57. In a class discussion develop a definition of the term "market." Have the students record in their notebooks the definition that has been agreed upon.

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- 58. The film entitled "Pasic Elements of Production" (Sd. 5.2), available in the Curriculum Center, provides an excellent illustration of the circular flow.

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 59. Some students may be interested in finding out about the New York Stock Exchange and the activities that take place on the trading floor. They may secure information from the Stock Ex-
- New York Stock Exchange and the activities that take place on the trading floor. They may secure information from the Stock Exchange or may find material in the library. They should describe how buyers and sellers agree on the price.

 60. Students may select a stock which is listed regularly in the Financial section of the daily newspaper and keep a chart or
- during a given period of time, such as a week or month.

 61. Members of the class should be asked to comment on the following:

 a. With many producers no one business can control enough

 of the supply to affect the price.
 - to buy at the lower prices due to increased efficiency of operation.

 Students may be asked to explain why competition is generally more keen in industries such as farming and the service trades.

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Explain why these factors impede the entrance of new products into the market. Why do producers attempt to insure product differentiation in entering the market, e.g., "addition of a new ingredient"? In what ways do federal laws regulate the entrance of new products such as drugs into the market?

64. Students may be asked to give examples showing how competition tends to force down high profits. Color television may pro-

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person will pay more for a product than the lowest price. (Note that other factors such as convenience, service, the warranty and the quality of the product may enter.)

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c. The more needed and the more unique (generally unavailable) his service (labor) the higher wage the worker can command.



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Ask students to suggest what the manufacturer should do in this situation: he was manufacturing a certain type of men's suits and discovered that the cost of production was \$40.00 each. 66. 67. is nism.

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- He found out that similar suits were being sold by competing manufacturers at \$30.00 each. What alternative actions confront Students should make a list of the factors to be taken into account in arriving at the price of goods and those to be taken into account in arriving at the cost of services. Have students discuss how the market mechanism would operate
- in the case of such occupations as garbage collection, custodians, policemen, firemen. Note that skill levels, training and the status the position affords may or may not help determine how the market mechanism would operate.) work 68. Students should discuss what happens to wages when there are more rage people who want work than there are jobs available. Also, they should discuss how wages are affected if there are more jobs than people available to fill them. They should give examples of each. ill
- 69. Ask the students to contrast the singing of a particular opera diva with the supply of the services that are performed by the prostage hands at the Metropolitan Opera. Note that this is an example of an inelastic supply. ich as warthe

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 Inequality in income distribution occurs because of differences in the value of the factors of production (land, labor, capital) that different individuals own.

- 7. Monopoly exists when the market supply of a product or labor is controlled by a single organization or decision-making unit.
 - a. Monopolies may be business firms, labor unions, or government services such as the post office.
 b. Monopolists may be individuals
 - b. Monopolists may be individuals such as opera stars, athletes, neurosurgeons, popular entertainers, etc.

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70. Students should be asked to explain and defend the statements which follow:

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- b. The value of ten shares of stock in the IBM Corporation exceeds the value of ten shares in the Wolfe Buggy Company.
- 71. Have students list five low-paying jobs in our community and then list five high-paying jobs here. In a class discussion the reasons for the different rates of pay may be examined. Students may be asked to which of these types of jobs they aspire. If they aspire to these types of jobs they should consider how planning and the expenditure of effort equip one to hold such positions.
- 72. Why does the owner of a large company receive a larger salary than a supervisor or foreman in the company? Why are both necessary to the operation of the company?
 - Students should agree on a definition of the term "monopoly" and record the agreed upon definition in their notebooks.
 - a. Give examples of types of business firms that are monopolies.
 b. Give examples of types of businesses owned and controlled by the Federal government.
 c. Give examples of monopoly in labor unions.
 - Record in notebooks the name of at least one "star" in each of the following who may be said to possess a monopoly: 1) sports, 2) music, 3) motion pictures,
 - 4) television.
 Ask students to explain how each individual benefits from possessing such a monopoly.

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74. One method of meeting the problem of monopoly has been that of government regulation of business, chiefly of public utilities. After some background reading students may be asked such questions as the following:

a. What federal regulations regulate railroad transportation?

b. What other examples of regulation by federal, state or local governments can you find?
c. What types of industries are generally regulated?
d. What form does government regulation usually take

(control of prices, and quality of service)?

In general, the interchange of goods and services and money payments is circular. Show the transparency available in the library. The chart should first be shown in its simplest form: consumer's income is received as a result of the production of goods and services; the bulk of it is spent for buying goods

The role of government can then be added to the diagram. Not only does government (federal, state, local) receive money from taxes on businesses and individuals but it returns money to the "flow" as payments for goods and services it buys. Students should study the operation of the flow until the inter-relationship of the various parts is well understood.

76. A film entitled "Rice" (Sd. 90.3) is available in the Curriculum Center. It describes a subsistence economy as it exists in much of Asia and points out that the only way to promote economic

growth is to increase the yield of rice.

77. Ask the class to discuss why an excess of saving over investment is equivalent to a leak in the circular flow.

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- a. Money taken out of the circular flow in savings must be put back in the form of investment if the current level of economic activity is to be maintained.
- b. If saving is greater than investment the level of economic activity will decline.
- c. Fiscal and monetary policy ere essential activities of the government.
 - 1' Fiscal policy relates to government tax and expenditure plans, which result in a balanced budget, a deficit, or a surplus.
 - 2' Monetary policy relates to planning the quantity of money and credit to stimulate, to retard, or to have a neutral effect on the level of economic activity.
- 2. It should be kept in mind that saving is the number of dollars households wish to convert into plants and equipment. (Also that savers and investors are different people.) (See glossary)

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3. GNP is roughly defined as the value of all goods and services, at market places, as well as the value of the services of the factors of production (land, labor, and capital).

III. The role of public finance

- A. Allocation from the private to the public sector
 - 1. The price mechanism of the market economy cannot allocate social goods. (Social goods are those enjoyed equally by everyone regardless of his ability to pay for them: clean air, pure water, national defense.)

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Employment taxes
Excise taxes
Individual income
Borrowing

Where it goes:

Agriculture

Other

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83. GNP is the value of all goods and services valued at market price. However, there is no market for many government services which are performed by vast numbers of government workers. Ask the class how they would suggest incorporating government services in GNP (Gross National Product). (The answer is that, irrespective of their value, government services are valued at the payroll expenditure they incur.) Discuss with the students the problems of comparing the GNP of the U.S.S.R. and the United States when the Soviet Union puts little reliance on markets.

where the government dollar for 1968 comes from, and where it goes. Using these statistics students may construct pie shaped charts of each table. When this is done a discussion should follow concerning the sources of income and the allocation to the public sector.

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Where the dollar comes from:

Corporation income taxes

Employment taxes	17¢
Excise taxes	8¢
Individual income taxes	423
Borrowing	2¢
Other	11¢

Where it goes:

Agriculture	2¢
Social Security and other	•
Trust Funds	26¢
Veterans	4¢
Fixed Interest Charges	¥
Space	3¢
National Defense	31¢
Vietnam	13¢
⁷ nternational	2¢
Other	136



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	 In allocating social goods, political decisions take the place of the price mechanism.
В.	Methods of transferring income from the private sector to the public sector 1. Graduated income tax

- 2. Social Security
- 3. Welfare payments
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5. Agriculture

4. Medicare, Medicaid

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- 85. After reviewing what students have learned about the actual functioning of government, students should be able to show that political decisions take the place of the price mechanism in allocating social goods. Specific examples should be cited.
- decisions always involves some degree of coercion.

 87. Students should examine copies of the Federal income tax booklet in order to see how the progressive income tax operates. They should define "taxable income" and name examples of deductions allowed in computing taxable income for Federal income tax purposes.

A useful graph may be found on page 195 of the Eagleton Institute

86. Ask the class to explain why the allocation of goods by political

88. After some preliminary research students should describe how conditions brought about by the depression of the 1930's led to a change in the concept of government's role in the economy.

text, Problems and Promise of American Democracy.

- 89. A class committee might visit the local Social Security office and interview members of the staff concerning old-age, survivor and unemployment insurance. They may also secure much information from the Social Security Administration in Washington. The local office will supply a speaker to explain the program.
- 90. Some students may investigate the laws in Delaware concerning aid to mothers and dependent children (ADC). They may discuss why this program has become a matter of controversy.
- 91. Students should find out what government agencies in Wilmington are involved in welfare payments. They may interview some representatives of these agencies to find out statistics on the amounts of welfare received under various circumstances. From recent publications they should find out the details of the Medicare and Medicaid programs. They may prepare a written report describing the highlights of Medicare, the important features of Medicaid, and free benefits available for needy aged people.
- 92. Have students investigate how and why the government provides subsidies for farmers. The first half of Chapter 16 in the Eagleton Institute text, <u>Problems and Promise of American Democracy</u>.



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2. Federal Communications Commission

3. Agricultural controls

Others

D. National Income stabilization and growth

 Fiscal policy: changing the level of taxes and the amount of government spending.

2. Monetary policy: regulating the supply of money in the country

IV. Fiscal policy: the government uses two

instruments to attain such goals as employment, price stability, and an optimum growth rate--taxation and control of government expenditures.

A. Taxation is the principal means by which the government takes revenue from the private sector for use in the public sector.

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95. Some students may be asked to do research on topics dealing with agricultural controls, such as the Brannon Plan; parity; farm

- 93. Students should be asked to review anti-trust laws in an American history text, beginning with the Sherman Act of 1890. What concept of monopoly is behind these laws?
- 94. Ask students to investigate the controversies of the 1968 campaign to determine why the Federal Communications Commission was under pressure to modify its "equal time" rule.
- problems in the Fopulist Era; farm problems during the "Rearing Twenties."

 96. Discuss the statement: "It has been said that the farm problem for the number of summing formers without the number of summing formers without the number of summing formers."
- Is the problem of surplus farmers rather than surplus food."

 Note: For the sake of clarity these topics are treated separately in the sections of the outline which follow.
 - Explain what is meant by a budget deficit or surplus. Have the class analyze the consequence of a tax increase on a budget deficit.
- 98. A film entitled "Inflation" (Sd. 130.2) is available from the Curriculum Center.
 99. Students should read a current periodical to find out the current situation regarding inflation; pay especial attention to what government measures are being used to curb inflation.



SUGGESTED A

Have students work in group questions and then use the Explain why taxes are (Except Monaco, and the

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- Make a list of the tax Discuss the advantages in taxes.
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- c. How can the government inject more money into takes out of it in tax Is it possible that go
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- 102.
- Democracy. Have the student remember from their reading automatic stabilizer. Be ference between automatic at
- B. Automatic stabilizers are fiscal programs that operate to slow down booms and to diminish the severity downturns without any discretionary action on the part of the government. The progressive income tax, social security, and unemployment insurance

and stabilization.

1. Taxes can have an impact on the

2. Overall tax planning is ex-

and investment.

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among such goals as allocation

from the private to the public

sector, income redistribution

are examples of automatic stabilizers.

change may bring about a conflict

- 100. Have students work in groups to develop answers to the following questions and then use their results in a class discussion:

 a. Explain why taxes are inevitable in any country.
 - (Except Monaco, and this exception might be explained.)

 b. Make a list of the taxes a resident of Delaware has to pay.
 - Discuss the advantages which may be derived from an increase in taxes.
 - Discuss the advantages in decreasing the amount of taxes.
 - Using the circular flow transparency lead students in a discussion in which they attempt to answer the following questions concerning the way the government can affect the functioning of the economy:
 - way the government can affect the functioning of the economy:
 What examples can you give to show that go ernment is both
 a producer of goods and services (electric power, highways)
 and a consumer of them (food for soldiers, trucks for the
 - b. How can the government reduce the moncy flow into the economy? (Students should conclude that the government can remove more from the flow by means of taxes than it injects into it by spending.)
 c. How can the government stimulate economic activity? (It can
 - inject more money into the economy by spending more than it takes out of it in taxes--deficit financing.)
 d. Is it possible that government spending may be harmful in some periods and helpful in others?
- 102. Ask students to read Chapter 15 in The Problems and Promise of Democracy. Have the students list the automatic stabilizers they remember from their reading and explain why each acts as an automatic stabilizer. Be sure that students understand the difference between automatic stabilizers and deliberate fiscal policy.

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A preponderance of deficit spending leads to government debt which has both advantages

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Students should examine textbooks and references for information on government (public) debt. They may be able to find that comparisons between private debt and public debt particularly meaningful. (See McConnell Elementary Economics, p. 283ff.) They should

2. What is the present size of the debt of the Federal government?

- also attempt to answer the following questions:
 1. To whom is the government debt owed?
 (Since it is owed to ourselves, it operates quite differently from a debt owed to foreigners.)
- 3. What major factors have contributed to the growth of the Federal debt? (Point out that during the depression the debt increased from 16.9 billion in 1929 to 40.4 billion by 1939. But the financing of World War II caused the debt to jump to
 - 269.4 billion in 1946.)

 If the public debt were to be retired (paid), how would the money be secured and to whom would it be paid: (It would be raised by collecting taxes from *merican citizens and institutions and transferring it to the individuals and institutions who hold the bonds. Note that no direct loss of wealth for the total economy is involved, since we owe the debt to one another. Bonds held by foreigners would operate in the same way as private debt.)
- Advantages:

 a. Debt facilitates economic stabilization (open market operations of Federal Reserve System).

What are the advantages and disadvantages of government debt?

- b. Government securities are attractive assets for many savers.
 c. During a financial emergency, such as a war, voluntary
 lending by the nurchase of government bonds reduces the co-
- lending by the purchase of government bonds reduces the coercion that a high tax would otherwise necessitate. <u>Disadvantages</u>:

 a. Taxes required to pay the interest on government debt may
 - become burdensome to future taxpayers.

 Government borrowing from the commercial banking system may cause price inflation.

Summary: Fiscal responsibility entails the maintenance of an optimum rate of growth, full employment, use of the entire capacity of plant and equipment. A proper balance between these leads to the highest possible standard for future generations.



Fiscal planning requires the maintenance of a balance between the needs of the country, the demands for services and the objections of taxpayers.

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Monetary policy: Money may be anything that people are willing to accept in payment of debts.



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freeloaders and pay for the war with that.

105. Have students in class discuss their views and answer the following letter.

You are a freshman Congressman and you have just received the following letter:

Dear Sir:

We guys at the plant are writing this letter to ask you people in Congress in Washington why you are attempting to raist our taxes. Look, the value of our money goed down every year with this inflation but you keep right on taking a big share of it and for what? Some of us are going to have to go on strike this year to get more wages just to pay taxes and to pay the increasing prices. We support the war effort but we think you should take some of that money you are giving away to them foreigners as handouts and to all the American

While we are writing we have some other gripes too.

Like-how come the gover menc isn't giving our schools as much money as last year. And we've waited too long already for that super-highway the Federal government promised.

Sincerely,

J.J. Dumb-Dumb

- 106. In a teacher-led discussion consider such goals of fiscal policy as full employment, price stability, high rate of economic growth and moderation of periods of business fluctuation ("boom" or "bust" periods). Make sure that students understand the meaning of each of these terms and the reasons why these goals have been generally acceptable to Americans. Why is fiscal policy necessary to achieve these goals?
- 107. After some reading in the text and references, students should be prepared to discuss such questions as the following:
 - a. What is money?
 b. Give examples of materials which have been used for money in various cultures?
 - c. What kinds of money are used in our economy?



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- A. The quantity of available money and the cost of credit both influence the level of economic activity.
- B. In the United States the Federal Reserva System controls the quantity of money by:
 - 1. Open market operations
 - 2. Changing reserve requirements
 - 3. Changing the discount rate
 - 4. Direct controls in periods of emergency--stock margin requirements, down payment requirements on credit purchases

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- 109. After some prelimi a brief essay expl promises to pay.
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108. Students should be asked to find the percentage of the various kinds of money in use in our economy and construct a simple bar graph to show the extent of their use.

109. After some preliminary research students may be asked to write

a brief essay explaining why most of our money consists of

1929-1965. The total money supply includes currency outside

- promises to pay.

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 System students should become familiar with the tools the System uses to control the quantity of money. Further reading in references should make clear which of these tools have proved to be most effective.

 111. On page 258 in The World of Economics by Silk and Saunders a table shows the total money rupply in the United States from
- banks and checking accounts in banks. In 1965 the total was \$167.5 billion. In 1966 the Federal Reserve Report indicated that a sharp reduction in the total supply had taken place, falling to \$137.5 billion. The following questions may be raised:

 a. What type of open market operations did the Federal Reserve conduct in 1966?
 - b. Was there a change in the reserve requirement?
 c. What action did the Federal Reserve System take in relation to the discount rate?
 d. What happened to the level of interest rates?
 e. What happened to the home building and construction
 - industry? (The teacher will no doubt need to explain that that charp cutbacks took place.) From the effect on this industry what conclusion would the students draw about the quantity of money and the level of the economy?

nt rate

- Gold plays no direct role in the American monetary system.
- Gold has no inherent monetary quality.

VI. Economic Growth

mental requirement for economic growth.

1. Capital consists of tools and

productive facilities.

A. Capital accumulation is the funda-

- Capital accumulation can be attained only through the reduction of consumption; a nation can produce capital goods or goods for consumption.
- and sacrifice have attended the earl, stages of industrialization.

B. Characteristically great privation

- 1. England's Enclosure movement
- 2. Prussia's disenfranchisement of the peasants
- 3. Low-living standards in the Soviet Union under Stalin

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- 112. Some students may be interested in using the Reader's Guide to locate information concerning the "gold crisis" of 1967-68.
- 113. A transparency entitled "Underdeveloped Countries" is available in school libraries. It illustrates the 'vicious circle" in underdeveloped countries by which investments depend largely on foreign aid. Students should be encouraged to discuss the information presented on the transparency.

- 114. Students who have taken the World Cultures course may be able to review the effects of the Enclosure Acts in England. Reference may also be made to the low living standards viewed in the film entitled, "The Industrial Revolution in England."
- 115. After reviewing the early stages of industrialization in the three countries mentioned, note that privation fell hardest upon that segment of the population that had little or no political power.

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116. Describe the detrimental consequences for economic growth of the strikes and riots in France in May, 1968.

Culminating Activities:

1. Fersh and Calderwood have listed six goals of our economic system. Chapter Two in Economics in Action describes each one. They are:

economic growth
economic stability
economic efficiency
economic security
economic justice
economic freedom

Have students discuss the meaning of each of these terms and then try to decide the extent to which our economic system is attaining these goals.

2. In addition to economic goals Americans also have personal goals; as a people we have values and social goals as discussed in the introductory part of this course. At times conflicts develop between our personal and social goals on the one hand and our economic goals on the other. Students should be asked to consider what we can do when these goals conflict. In preparation for this discussion some examples of conflicting goals should make the problem clear. We believe in individual freedom, but sometimes one must join a union. Or, at times collective bargaining brings about strikes of public employees such as sanitation workers, thus endangering the health of the people. Other examples may be found. (The purpose of this activity is to emphasize that we cannot achieve all our goals but we must consider the alternatives and make intelligent choices among them.)



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Abstinence: foregoing immediate gratification of wants

apportionment of resources for the satisfaction of individual and group wants Allocation:

Automatic Stabilizer: an institutional arrangement, such as the income tax, which tends to moderate business slumps and peaks without discretionary decisions of any type

Balance of Payments: the difference between a country's inflow and outflow of money; a favorable balance of payments is a net inflow of money, while an unfavorable balance of payment is just the opposite

Balance of Trade: the difference between the value of a country's imports and exports; a favorable balance of trade is a higher level of exports than imports, while an unfavorable balance of trade is just the opposite

Budget Deficit: a condition resulting from government expenditures in excess of government receipts

plant and equipment, tools, and other hardware used in production (note Capital: that economists define capital to exclude money and securities)

to seek or strive for something in rivalry with others Competition:

Complementary Goods: goods that are used or consumed together, such as coffee and sugar or automobiles and tires

Consumption: using up goods or services to satisfy wants

the value of what has to be given up to obtain something that is desired Cost: a schedule of quantities that people want to buy at each level of prices Demand:



<u>Diminishing Return:</u> the general tendency of output to increase at a diminishing rate as successive units of one input are added to a production process while all other inputs are held constant in amount

the borrowing rate charged member banks by the Federal Reserve Banks

an economy in which distribution of goods and services is accomplished by

<u>Dividend</u>: payments made to owners of stocks

wishes without cost

<u>Division of Labor:</u> completion of complicated tasks by separating them into a number of relativel simple parts, each of which can be accomplished by specialists who have litt or no understanding of the overall task

Elasticity of Demend: the ratio of the percentage change in quantity demanded to percentage change in price

Elasticity of Supply: the ratio of the percentage change in quantity supplied to percentage

change in price

Equilibrium: a state of satisfaction of decision makers under existing conditions

buying and selling

Factors of Production: categories of inputs used in production (note that economists often use three categories: land, labor, and capital)

Fiscal Policy: government decree

Fiscal Policy: government policy of taxation and expenditures to attain national objectives

Free Goods: goods that are available in such abundance that everyone can consume all he

Gross National Product (GNP): the market value of all goods and services produced in a country in a year



Discount Rate:

Exchange Economy:

Hard Core Unemployed: people whose unemployment is persistent unfit to sell their labor services

Household: the decision-making unit that determine

Income Distribution:

a table or graph showing the percentage each of a number of ranges, the sum of the sum o

Income Tax: a tax based upon income received

Innovation: the commercialization of a new concept

<u>Interest</u>: payments made to owners of loaned money

Invest: purchases of capital equipment (note the the economist's definition of investment

opposite in effect

Market:

an aggregation of buyers and sellers of

Merit Want:

a want that could be distributed in the

so socially desirable that it is at leas

Monetary Policy: the management of money by the central h

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income expressed in terms of the standar

inflation occurs, a constant money income Monopoly: control over the supply side of the mark

Monopsony: control over the demand side of the mark

National Accounts: a system of accounts designed to measure
a national economy

Open Market
Operations: the buying and selling of government sec national goals



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Inverse:

Money Income:

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a number of ranges, the sum of which spans all income levels

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agement of money by the central bank to attain national objectives

expressed in terms of the standard unit of currency (note: when price on occurs, a constant money income has diminishing purchasing power) over the supply side of the market

over the demand side of the market

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the value of the highest priority alternative that must be foregone to attail

anything Perfect Competition: competition characterized by many buyers and sellers of a homogeneous production Price Inflation: general increase in the price level

Price Index: an average measure of the many prices prevailing at a given time

Primogeniture: the practice of bequeathing a family's entire estate to the eldest son

Private Wants: wants that can be distributed (rationed) by the market Production Function: the relationship between number of units of input and the number of units

of labor, level of output per man hour

Progressive Income Tax: an income tax the rate of which is successively higher for larger incomes

money owed by the government, usually to its own citizens

of output (Note: output and product are synonymous)

Rationing: restriction of scarce supply to the recipients Real Income: income measured in terms of monetary units of constant purchasing power

Resources: inputs required in production and distribution Reserve Requirement: the fraction of deposits that the Federal Reserve system requires banks to keep on deposit in the Federal Reserve Bank in the district or in its own vaults

Reward for Risk Taking: profit a firm must anticipate earning to be willing to incur the risk of investment in plant and equipment a tax imposed on sales price Sales Tax:



Opportunity Cost:

Productivity:

Public Debt:

Saving: the difference between income and expenditure on consumption

Social Wants: a good the benefits of which cannot be denied anyone, irrespective of

whether he pays any part of the cost of the good

Supply: a schedule showing the quantity of goods owners wish to sell at each level of price over a range

Transfer Payment: a payment made to people who have not earned the payment

Uncertainty:

a condition in which the future outcome of an action cannot be predicted, even in terms of relative frequency

Value:

the worth of something (note: value is a difficult concept that relates to

subjective preference)

the difference between the value of the inputs and the value of the products into which they are transformed

a security that confers ownership rights in a corporation to its holder

the aggregate value of assets



Stock:

Value Added:

Wealth:

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The relationship between saving, borrowing, investing, creation of money and economic growth



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Debt Reduction and Saving
Gross National Product
Effects of Government Taxation and Spending on GNP
Functions and Services of the Stock Exchange
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Difference between life, health, disability and property insurance

II. Developing Economic Competence for Success in Tomorrow's Jobs

General Education and Tomorrow's Jobs Economic Education and Tomorrow's Jobs Forces Underlying the Demand for Workers Changing Supply, Demand, and Changing Job Opportunities Economic Laws Cannot be Repealed Providing Data on Job Opportunities

Economic Concepts in the above:

Potential Growth of United States Economy Supply and Demand as Determinants of Job Opportunities Money vs. Real Wages Employment Agencies: Both Public and Private



UNIT V: CRIME AS A PROBLEM IN THE UNITED STATES

OVERVIEW

(Suggested Time: Two weeks)

Contemporary American society has few problems greater than the rising crime rate. Contrasting solutions to the problem are offered from various points of view. Some theorists hold that a greater degree of authoritative police action is the logical solution. Most criminologists disagree with this theory and place emphasis on the socio-political-economic causes of crime. The intent of this unit is to examine the causes, types and possible remedies of crime in this country.

OBJECTIVES OF THE UNIT

By the end of this unit the student should be able to:

1. Define terms such as the following:

crime felony misdameano juvenile delinquency syndicated crime

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- 2. Identify in a discussion the multiplicity of factors which contribute to crime. The answers should include factors such as the following: lack of economic opportunity, social conditions of deprivation and the psychological lure of crime and criminals.
- 3. Show his awareness of various methods and theories of law enforcement by writing a summary of an article dealing with the topic.



- 4. Given a list of crimes, be able to make a chart identifying them as crimes against the person and crimes against property.
- 5. Show evidence of his understanding of the procedures of a court of law by utilizing them in a dramati ation of a trial.
- 6. Examine the relationship between the type of crime and the socio-economic background of the criminal by discussing a particular case or city.
- 7. Compare and contrast two or more major theories of the causes of civil disorders as given in current studies.
- 8. Utilize the problem-solving approach in discussing the role of criminal confinement for lawbreakers.
- Indicate an awareness of the possible extent and the methods used currently by syndicated crime in the United States.



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- By means of a class discussion arrive at a definition of crime, using both legal and social distinctions. Discussion should include the following types of crimes: (a) juvenile delinquency, (b) syndicated crime, (c) civil disorders, (d) crimes against the person and (e) crimes against property.
 In the same way definitions of terms listed below should be developed in class. Students should keep a vocabulary list in their notebooks. These terms are merely suggestions and
- the teacher should add others he considers significant. anti-social behavior misdemeanor capital punishment recidivism ex post facto law rehabilitative treatment felonies social disorganization habeas corpus syndicated crime homicide warrant incarceration white collar" crime manslaughter double jeopardy bill of attainder bill of particulars

burglary

The New York Times filmstrip-record entitled Crime in America offers a good overall viewpoint of this unit.

Divide the class into discussion groups and appoint a

vandalism

- moderator for each group. The moderator will record the list of the causes of crime suggested by his group. These lists may be compared in a general class discussion to see if a consensus may be reached.

 5. A guest speaker may be appropriate at this point in the unit to discuss his occupation, e.g. a probation officer
- and efforts at crime prevention.

 6. Many psychology books discuss various theories of delinquent personalities. Students may be assigned to do some research in these texts and report to the class on some of the

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B. Syndicated crime

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theories such as Sheldon's body types, chromosome connection with crime, etc. Such material may be found in the following:

Berelson and Steiner, Human Behavior

Neumeyer, Juvenile Delinquency in Modern Society

- 7. The Wilmington Morning News publishes a monthly statistical breakdown of crime information. This will be useful for class discussion and will be especially useful for teacher-prepared trans-
- 8. Students may be asked to listen to local radio news broadcasts over a period of several days and make notes on the types of crimes reported.

parencies.

- 9. The <u>Philadelphia Evening Bulletin</u> publishes a daily crime count which lists the number and tupes of felonies committed within a twenty-four hour period. Students may collect several of these as a basis for conclusions about which crimes occur most frequently.
- 10. A bulletin board could be utilized to post notices of crimes or law enforcement news.
- 11. Have students indicate which of the crimes reported in the above accounts are crimes against property and which are crimes against persons. Is there any evidence that the nature of crimes changes in different seasons of the year?
- 12. Teachers should check the unit on urban affairs to review the aspects of crime in the city studied in that unit.
- 13. Have a student volunteer to visit the police station or other source to see if he can find inf sation on the number of crimes committed by "professionals" in Walmington.
- 14. Students may be asked to compile a list of the ordinances which protect homeowners against door-to-door salesmen.



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 15. Several ridely publicized cases have involved the question of the criminal who may be so emotionally disturbed that he does not understand the nature of the crime. Students should do some research and then discuss: (a) What criteria are used to determine whether or not one is mentally competent to be held responsible for his act? (b) What treatment is provided for such persons?
 - 17. Have students check the <u>Reader's Guide</u> to locate the <u>Life</u>
 magazine articles on the current activities of the Mafia and
 Cosa Nostra in this country. The era of Prohibition fostered
 the development of mobs in this country. Have students attempt
 to explain this development.

A student may be interested in reporting on the background of the Mafia--how it started in Sicily and how it has operated in

- 18. The teacher should check the unit on government to review governmental actions against organized crime. They should be asked if any recent actions have been undertaken against organized crime by government.
- 19. A special type of crime and criminal is involved in riots. Students should be assigned to read summaries of the <u>President's Commission on Civil Disorders</u> to discover who are the rioters.

 They should discuss whether or not there is a difference between a rioter and a criminal. Recent periodicals contain much information on this topic. Are there any indications that law
- enforcement policies should differ in the treatment of rioters?

 20. A filmstrip-record entitled "Civil Disobedience" is on order, but a number has not been assigned. This material is to be used by 12th grade teachers only and only those who have previously attended a departmental meeting on the topic. It differentiates clearly between civil disobedience of the Candhi type and violence as a means of bringing about charge.

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and the type of crime he commits?

VI. What is juvenile delinquency?

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b. Juvenile Court c. Probation

Training schools

A. What crimes are usually associated

with juvenile delinquents?

Theft of automobiles

B. What are some of the institutional remedies for juve il 'no 'nqu ney?

Drug addiction

- 21. The Department of Justice has many statistics and charts available on crime in cities and the incidence of crime. Students should write to the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C. to see what titles are available and appropriate.
- 22. Gavian and Rienow, <u>Our Changing Social Order</u> (p. 253) provide a useful graph entitled "Family Background of Institutionalized Youth." This would make a good transparency to use as a basis for class discussion.
- speakers on any aspect of criminal law. Upon request a speaker will be provided according to the particular topic of interest.

 24. It would be helpful for the teacher to make transparencies of

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- It would be helpful for the teacher to make transparencies of the statistics on juvenile crime. These may be used to stimulate class discussion.
- 25. Much current information concerning drinking and drug addiction is available in periodicals. Students should examine the <u>Reader's Guide</u> and read appropriate magazine articles. The unit on urban problems also contains some material on crime and juvenile delinquency.
- 26. The Mental Health Association has an excellent list of films on drug addiction and drinking. These films will be loaned to high schools, but the teacher must pick them up and return them. A discussion should follow the film.
- 27. A guest speaker who deals with juveniles may be invited to speak to the class on crime prevention. The speaker might be an official from Ferris, a probation officer, a member of the Youth Services Commission or an official from the Youth Aid division of the Wilmington police force.
- 28. A class discussion may be held on the topic: "What is the role of the school in preventing juvenile delinquency?"

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- 29. The teacher may arrange for a tour of Bridge House by calling the secretary to the warden. A speaker from the Youth Services Commission may be secured to describe the other correctional institutions in Delaware.
- 30. Many magazine articles within recent months have dealt with the subject of law enforcement. Students may be asked to write a brief annotation of at least six such articles. Complete information about the sources used should be indicated in each case.
- 31. Various theories today deal with the period of incarceration. Some advocate rehabilitation measures; others support punitive measures for prisoners. After careful research students should discuss the role of criminal confinement in society today.
- 32. A speaker from the Correctional Council can be asked to explain to the class the efforts being made in Delaware today to reduce the rate of recidivism.
- 33. Students may be interested in making a presentation in which students represent various law enforcement agencies such as the FBI and local police. The topic for discussion could be an imaginary crime and how the various authorities would handle it. Emphasis should be placed upon the division of authority among the different agencies.
- 34. A discussion could be conducted on the topic: "What is the specific role of a law enforcement agency?"
- 35. It may be useful to have a speaker such as the Commissioner of Public Safety address the class on law enforcement in Wilmington.
- 36. One or more students may be interested in obtaining from city offices the salary schedule and necessary qualifications for Wilmington Police and for State Troopers. These could be utilized in a class discussion of the type of men who should be attracted to police work.



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- 37. The Wilmington Police Department has a series of pamphlets on various procedural methods and social disorders. Some titles are: Causes of Juvenile Delinquency, Interrogation Procedures, and Drug Addiction. Teachers may contact the department for these pamphlets.
- 38. Students may present a dramatization of a trial. The teacher may choose a crime suitable to the interests of the class. Attention should be given to the jurisdiction of the court as well as to procedures.
- 39. It may be possible to arrange a trip for a class to the Court of Common Pleas, or another Wilmington Court. The Court of Common Pleas is suggested because students will be able to hear several cases in their entirety. The Clerk of the County Court should be called to make arrangements. No larger groups than twenty or twenty-five students may be accommodated.
- 40. A film entitled "Interrogation and Counsel" (Sd. 351.2) is available from the Curriculum Center. It should be used only by 12th grade teachers of the Modern Problems course. It is an open-ended film, requiring the students to consider a crime from two points of view. The first would indicate that a guilty person will go free because of the safeguards provided by the law, while the second indicates that an immocent person may be found guilty when these safeguards are not provided. The

teacher should be sure to preview the film before using it.

41. In order to examine the role of the Supreme Court in recent law enforcement cases, two students may find information on Miranda against Arizona or another case such as Escobedo. They may dramatize the case for the class. Other references on this topic may be found in the unit on government.



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"Angry Boy", (Sd. 10.3)
"Drop Out: Road to Nowhere"--two filmstrips and records

"Right or Wrong", (Sd. 3.43.1)
"Respect for Property", (Sd. 487.1)



UNIT VI: THE CAUSES OF WORLD TENSIONS

OVERVIEW

(Suggested Time: Seven weeks)

Although major attention in the Modern Problems course has been give the modern problems we face in this country by no means fell entirely wi Attention to contemporary events should have provided some acquaintance v throughout the year. This unit is intended to provide a summary of some problems we face.

Divergent political and economic beliefs cause conflict between the have acquired information on this topic in previous courses but it is desummarize the causes of conflict between ideologies. Problems of culture and religious, also continue to create tension in the world.

World War II and its aftermath have brought about a realignment of Interdependence among nations is more than ever a reality, yet attempts tain peace have had only limited success. The emergence of many new natand maintain viable economics have further complicated the international

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By the end of the unit the student should be able to:

1. Explain the following terms:

socialism	authoritarian
communism	totalitarian
fascism	collectivism
domocracy	co-operatives
capitalism	proletariat
nationalism	bourgeoisie
internationalism	apartheid
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- Explain why Marx believed the violent overthrow of capitalism to be inevitable and justifiable.
- 3. Cite at least three examples of the fundamentals of capitalism which differentiate it from other economic systems.
- 4. Describe either orally or in writing what common elements make the term "totalitarian" applicable to both communism and fascism.
- 5. Explain the principal characterisitics of contemporary communism in the Soviet Union and in China.
- 6. Demonstrate an understanding of the way the methods of production are organized in a socialist economy.
- 7. Explain the procedure by which private property is nationalized in a socialist economy such as Britain, New Zealand, or in a Scandinavian country.
- List and describe the political and economic differences between socialism and communism and between capitalism and fascism.
- Give examples of modern problems that have developed out of the age-old religious and cultural frictions in the world.
- Discuss the problems encountered in achieving an advantageous political organization that arise because of ethnic differences among various groups in the same region, e.g., Africa.
- 11. Explain why policies of racial segregation promote world tensions, e.g., apartheid in South Africa.



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- 12. Compare or contrast the relative economic and political positions before World War II and at present of three of the major participants in the war.
- 13. Describe the current functions of at least two regional pacts formed since World War 13.

 14. List and explain some of the factors that have limited the effectiveness of the United
- Nations in promoting international cooperation.

 15. Explain, citing examples, why international trade is essential to the economic

welfare of industrialized countries.

- 16. Summarize the reasons why trade barriers persist despite the advantages of free trade.
- 17. Enumerate and explain at least four of the critical problems of the developing nations.



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- 1. Marxism
 - a. Dialectic: inevitability of revolution

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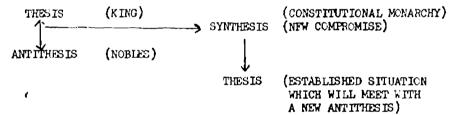
c. Purpose of the Communist party

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Discuss in class the meaning of the term "political ideology" and its relationship to the actual government of a state. Ask the class to cite some examples of political ideologies.

Have one student do a brief background report on the life of Karl Marx.

Describe Marx's version of the dialectic to the class by using the overhead projector or the blackboard. Draw it in a circle to indicate that it was thought to be a continuing cycle.



Compare the thesis to the "establishment" in present-day terms. This explanation is merely to discuss why Marx thought revolution to be inevitable. Be sure to point out that the cycle was supposed to end with the proletariat revolution.

Place on the board the sentence "Labor is value," and ask the students to discuss what Marx probably meant. This discussion should demonstrate why Marx thought the proletarian revolution was justified.

Ask the class to consider what the role of the Communist Party was supposed to be in the revolution that Marx believed to be inevitable. Make sure that students understand that the Party was meant to be an elite group of revolutionaries.

After reading Chapter I in <u>Today's Isms</u> by Ebenstein, have students explain, either orally or in writing, why Marx felt that religion, nationalism and trade unions were enemies of the working nan.



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	9. Have four students as views of Marx, Lenin days of independent have them present a how the views of the communist ideology
	10. The ETV schedule show on Lenin, Stalin, etc
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- 7. Discuss with the class the question of whether or not there can be a communist economy in a state that is not totalitarian.
- 8. Have a group of students prepare a report to the class on communism in the U.S.S.R. by comparing Marxism to the actual practice in the U.S.S.R. They should be directed to use the most recent books and periodicals.
- 9. Have four students assume the responsibility of representing the views of Marx, Lenin, Stalin and Kosygin respectively. After two days of independent research and some class time to work together, have them present a panel in which they demonstrate to the class how the views of these men differed and how their relation to the communist ideology differed.
- The ETV schedule should be consulted, as it often runs programs on Lenin, Stalin, etc.
- 11. Screen News Digest has provided Wilmington Public Schools with several films that can be used here.
 - a. "The Rise and Fall of Nikita Khrushchev"
 - b. "The Life of Stalin"
 - c. "Moscow 1959"

A film on "Russia" is also available (Sd. 42.3).

- 12. Conduct the same type of panel as in Activity No. 9 only substituting China for Russia.
- 13. A class can with a little research act out an average day in Red China for the Chinese worker, showing how regimented his society would be and how bombarded with propaganda. Some time should be spent discussing what life was like in China before the Communist Revolution.



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"China" (Sd. 70.1)

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ne students, contrast the situation that might bring about mowith that which might bring about a communist regime. le question might be, "What social class(es) favored

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entitled "The Fascist Revolution" (Sd. 20.3) gives an

ent description of the principles of fascism as well as ription of the fascist states during World War II. The an be obtained from the Curriculum Center.

t a class discussion of the reasons why people in a t country, such as Germany under the Weimar Republic, illing to give up democracy for a fascist system. An sting starting point might be found by asking the students lain what they think is meant by the phrase "the burdens edom."



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20. Ask students to find definitions and supporting data that help them to understand the meaning of totalitarianism. These should be discussed in class under a clear concept of how "totalitarianism" is developed.

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- communism and fascism are totalitarian. They should note the extent of similarities between life in a fascist state and in a communist state.
- 22. Have two students write a brief outline history of socialist thinkers. It may be on the general plan of a genealogical chart. The purpose of this outline is to show that socialism predates communism and is a very old idea with many widely divergent interpretations.
 - The basic differences in the theory of socialism, of capitalism, and of communism are given very clearly by William Ebenstein.

 They may be found in Chapter Three of Today's Isms. The differences between socialism and communism are also given in Two Ways of Life by the same author. After studying these and other references students should be able to list the basic differences between socialism and communism and between capitalism and socialism.
- 24. If necessary, the unit on economics should be reviewed in order to note the characteristics of capitalism and a "market economy."
- 25. Capitalism is probably not practiced in any country in its pure, ideological form as an economic system. The United States is considered to be a capitalistic system. Have students list the modifications of pure capitalism found in our economic system.
- 26. Have students write short essays on the subject of the relationship between the principles of capitalism and democracy. It could be titled, "Can capitalism exist without democracy?"



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 - b. Creation of satellites of the U.S.S.R.
 - c. Polarization of Europe

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- 27. Many of the basic qualities of democracy and some variable characteristics are described in Chapter Three of Today's Isms.

 A committee of four students may be assigned to read the chapter and organize a presentation on the question, "What minimal requirements does a political system need to have to be considered democratic?"
- 28. Present students with a transparency of the spectrum and economic ideologies found in the world today and discuss at length.

Show the film "Aftermath of World War II" (Sd. 12.3). Have the students make one list of both the Axis Powers and the Allies in World War II and then compare this with another list of NATO and

By means of class discussion develop the meaning of "cold war"

as used in the post-World War II era.

(the Airlift), the Berlin Crisis of 1962.

- Warsaw Pact nations in 1950. What changes have taken place in the alignment of countries?
- 31. Assign in advance a short paper on the question: "How has the continued division of Germany after World War II set the stage for cold war confrontations, i.e., Berlin Crisis of 1948
- 32. After a class discussion on what a "political satellite" is and what Churchill meant by the term"Iron Curtain, students should label the countries known as the satellites of the U.S.S.R. on an outline map of Europe. It might also be of interest to look up the dates on which these countries became satellites. The dates should indicate to the students that Russian "liberation" after the war led to their inclusion as
 - communist states.

 The establishment of the "Iron Curtain" split Europe and intensified the political polarization of the western world between communist and non-communist nations. Have students discuss what possible effects this barrier between east and west has had on the economic life of Europe.

- - 2. Changes in Political and Economic Status after World War II

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- 34. Assign to students the task of finding descriptions of NATO and the Warsaw Pact as they were orginally designed. Ask them to consider and discuss the following in class:
 - a. Which country is dominant in each alliance?
 b. What effect did the formation of these two groups have on the increased polarization of Europe in the loso's?
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 35. Both eastern and western alliances have suffered some defections by states opposed to sacrificing their national independence
 - by states opposed to sacrificing their national independence to an alliance, e.g., France and Yugoslavia. Students should be asked to consider and discuss the question: "To what extent have these defections affected world tensions?"

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 - The following Screen News Digest films can be shown to fillustrate
 the changes in status of the nations since World War II:

 "Chancellor: Portrait of Konrad Adenauer"

 (Sd. 314.264) November, 1963

 "Enigma of Charles DeGaulle" (Sd. 314.259) August, 1963

 "Fateful Decision for France: Drama of DeGaulle"

(Sd. 314.212) October, 1958

- Have a group of students do some research on the relative economic status of the French, Germans and the English in the 1960's. Newsweek, Time and U.S. News and World Report are good references on this topic. After the group makes a brief report to the class have all the students discuss the odd fact that the vanquished are in a better economic position than the victors. They should consider a) what factors account for this position, and b) how does this effect the political relation-
- ships of these countries.

 38. The British Empire has been liquidated since the war. It might interest some students to compile a list of the former English colonies that have gained their independence since World War II. Have the whole class discuss how this breakup has affected a) Great Britian, b) the ex-colonies, and c) the world community.



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- 39. Assign Chapter 8, "On the United States: Changing Positions in World Affairs", <u>Problems and Promises of American Democracy</u>. Study of this chapter should provide a general orientation on the subject.
- 40. For homework students should be asked to make a list of the indications they can find that the United States is the 'leader' of the Western World. A class discussion can then be based on points such as the following: a) How has this position been brought into being? b) Does this position impose any obligations on the United States? If so, what? c) What are some of the effects of the polarization of the world between two camps-communist and non-communist, each with its dominant leader?
- 41. Individual students may be interested in presenting reports on one of the following topics: a) Japan--the Third Industrial Power, b) China and Japan--Giants of Asia and Ancient Rivals.

 42. Ask students to read pages 145:149 in Problems and Promise of

international cooperation.

Have students examine the map on pages 140-141 of the text named in the previous activity and discuss the complexity of international treaty organizations of which the United States is a member. See also pages 620-621 in History of the United States by Frost, Brown, Ellis and Fink.

American Democracy in preparation for discussing the problems of

- 44. Many of the problems of the United Nations stem from the power struggle in the Security Council. Have students write an essay on how the past operation of the Security Council has reflected the power structure of nations after World War II. They should prepare this essay as homework and with time allowed to do adequate research.
- 45. Students should note that these pacts were originally organized for mutual military protection. Each student may choose one of the alliances and report on its current status as compared with the original purpose.



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46. The Russian occupation of Czechoslovakia is an example of the operation of the Warsaw Pact. After preliminary study students should compare and contrast the operation of the Warsaw Pact with that of NATO and similar alliances.

or similar material in another text. The topic is "The Nature

ment of the Common Market but it also describes the problems it creates for an outside country such as the United States or

- 47. Have four students divide into the two sides of a debating team.

 Two of them should support the negative and two the affirmative of the proposition, "The Alliance for Progress has been an economic and strategic failure."

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 48. Assign students pages 259-266 in Problems and Promise of Democracy
- of World Trade". Students can then discuss what long-term advantages there are in international free trade. What are the immediate or short-run obstacles to free trade?

 49. The film entitled "Common Market" provides a description of that special trade union. Another film, "Breaking the Trade Barrier" (Sd. 2.6, 2 reels) not only describes the reasons for the develop-
 - Great Britain.

 Japan's trading position is somewhat awkward politically. Assign two interested students to investigate Japan's special trade problems and how they affect world tensions.
 - 51. Great Britain has a somewhat unique situation in world trade.
 A panel discussion should be organized to discuss that country's trade problems and what solutions are open to her.52. Students should list on the blackboard the ways in which the

Cold War has affected international trade. In addition to the more obvious answers, point out to the students that much of the

friction between the U.S.S.R. and her satellites in the past has had economic causes.

53. Ask the students to discuss the opinion held by some persons that much anti-American feeling in the Third World is due to the past and present international economic policies of the

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SUCCESTED ACTIVITIES

- . Have students become familiar with the location of the nations of Latin America, Asia, Africa and the Middle East by locating them on an outline or a chalkboard map. The teacher could make ditto maps and a transparency from a spirit master.
- 5. Many atlases have population density maps which will show the intense concentration of people in many of the developing areas of the world. While using such a map students should make a list of the most densely populated areas. What correlation may be found between these areas and the underdeveloped areas of the world?
 - . In connection with the above activity have students explain why population is concentrated in certain areas of over-populated countries and what problems are created by this concentration.
- . Students may divide into groups to formulate a list of the problems caused by over-population. These should then be compared in a discussion.
- One of the major problems in developing nations is their need to industrialize. Books such as Barbara Ward's <u>Rich Nations</u>, <u>Poor Nations</u> give explanations of the difficulties encountered by these countries in achieving industrialization. The teacher should present the basic ideas in this book to the class.
- ig. Many students are shocked to learn of the extremely low per capita incomes of the poor areas of the world. The teacher should prepare a transparency giving sample per capita incomes in a wide range of developed and underdeveloped countries. A discussion may be held on the problems of a subsistence economy.
- 50. "India: Fate of a Neutral" (Sd. 45.1) shows the difficulties of maintaining neutrality. This film may be obtained from the Curriculum Center.



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- 61. The teacher may use one of the new African nations as another exemple of the pressures of political polarization. How does this add a new element to the problems of a new nation?
- A discussion could be held concerning the topic, "How does India's location affect her neutrality?" 63. Students may discuss how the term "Third World" may be used to
 - describe the unaligned nations. A transparency may be prepared contrasting illiteracy rates of
 - underdeveloped countries with those of developed countries. Students should identify the relationship between literacy and economic development.

The intense efforts of some developed nations to improve their literacy rates is illustrated by Mexico which spends almost 50% of its national budget on education. Students may form small

- groups and list various methods of overcoming illiteracy. Abdul Nasser has stated that illiteracy of voters is no longer a problem since the invention of radio. Students should identify the possible advantages and disadvantages there are in using
- In an era of democratic or pseudo-democratic institutions, illiteracy is a political hazard. Students may be asked to suggest ways in which modern technology may overcome the problems of illiteracy.

exclusively non-written political material.

If students have not been introduced to the concept of "nation", it should be defined now. How do nations such as India and Nigeria illustrate the problems of modern nationalism?

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- V. The Clash of Religious and Ethnic Cultures
 - aspects of this problem is more useful than texts on this topic. Continual reference should be made to newspaper and magazine articles.)

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- 69. Review with the students the term "natural boundary," using examples from Western Europe. Using a map of contemporary Africa call attention to the fact that boundaries generally do not follow natural features. Here students identify the historical factors which explain why these boundaries were set up in regular patterns. They may then discuss what problems arise when nations are created out of areas with little or no common history and no sense of nation.
- 70. The film "Africa" (Sd. 1.4) is available from the Curriculum Center. It provides an over-all picture of the difficulties of the emerging nations.

 71. Have a student assigned to read the selection by Nehru in
- upper castes. This paperback should be in the school library.

 72. The following problem areas all demonstrate some aspect of activity by the United Nations. Students should describe the role of the United Nations and discuss its effectiveness in dealing with

either the Hindu-Moslem problem or the policy of apartheid in

Nationalism by Hans Kohn. This passage relates how the British occupation of India engendered nationalistic feeling among India's

- 73. Students should do a brief report on the following question:
 How does the Hindu-Moslem conflict in India and Pakistan
 demonstrate that national unity is difficult to achieve in the
 face of vast cultural and religious differences?
- 74. Sources such as Welty, The Aslans, and Fersh, India and Southeast Asia, give adequate background information on the Hindu-Moslem clashes in India and Pakistan at the time independence was secured from Great Britain. In order to explain the political division of Pakistan a student or a panel of students may be interested in reporting on this information.



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- 75. Using a wall map or atlases, have students locate Hast and West Pakistan. Students may then divide into groups to formulate answers to the following questions:
 - What are the obvious difficulties in governing two such widely separated areas?
 - b. Are there any natural advantages possessed by Pakistan as contrasted to India? (Include rivers and arable land.)
 c. What factors prevent the unification of Pakistan?
 - The contemporary situation in the Middle East has a background dating to World War II. Students may be interested in reporting on one or more of the following topics:

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- 7. Arab nationalism differs from nationalism as usually defined. Students should do background reading and be able to discuss the factors that tend to unite the Arab countries and the factors that tend to divide them.
- 78. The international balance of power has been seriously threatened by problems in the Middle East. Students should discuss how tensions in this area are reflected internationally.
- 79. The large numbers of businesses controlled by Chinese citizens in Indonesia have been a source of spasmodic conflict in that country. A student may be interested in reporting on this situation as an example of ethnic clashes.
- 80. The Biafran War and the situation in the Congo are illustrative of the difficulties in consolidating groups with little common history. Assign students to read periodical materials on these two problem areas and have them report to the class. The reports should point out how these two instances demonstrate the difficulties of forming a nation when there has been little common experience in the past.



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- 81. Have students discurs measures which might have been taken to prevent the catastrophes in the Congo after independence, e.g., what Belgium should have done to prepare the Congo for independence.
- 82. Several good films in the Screen News Digest series give background information on the Congo situation and that of other African nations.
- 83. A student should be asked to present a report on the policy of apartheid in South Africa.
- 84. After some preliminary research have students discuss how the policy of apartheid in South Africa has been a source of international tension.